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ST. ANNE'S CHURCH

The Distance Is Greater On The Sabbath Day

MISSIONARY WORK PROGRESS

Sunday, Feb. 13th. The Sixth Sunday after Epiphany.
Divine Service: Morning Prayer and Sermon, 10.30.
Sunday School session, 11.45.
Evening Prayer and Sermon, 7.30.
Service on Wednesday evening at 7.30.
Meetings: The Parish Guild on Thursday afternoon, at two o'clock, at St. Anne's Rectory.
The Junior Auxiliary on Friday afternoon, in the Parish House.

ISN'T IT STRANGE?
Is it not strange that the distance between two given points is so much greater on Sunday than on week days? That rain or snow on Sunday is much more conducive to colds than on other days. That a street, road or pavement is in a much worse condition on Sunday than on other days. That people are much fonder of their homes on Sunday than on other days. That clocks which keep perfect time on week days are invariably slow on Sundays. Isn't it strange?
Do not forget the distinction between an Episcopalian and a Churchman. A Churchman attends church regularly but an Episcopalian is one who comes to church occasionally or only when the Bishop is present.

SOME IMPROVEMENTS—HOW?
By filling up the front seats of the church instead of the back ones, especially at the evening service. Let us leave the back seats for the late-comers if there are any; it will look better.
By having a Bible Class in the Sunday School, or on Wednesday evening after the service.

By each member bringing some one who is not a member of a church to at least one service a day. It may do that stranger good, it will be a benefit to our church, and we are confident it will mean a blessing to you to do it. Try the experiment.

PRAYER ON ENTERING THE CHURCH
O Lord, open Thou mine eyes, that I may behold the wondrous things out of Thy law; open Thou my lips, and my mouth shall show forth Thy praise; open Thou my heart, that I may receive Thy Word with meekness and holy fear, to the glory of Thy great name, through Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen.

PROGRESS IN MISSIONARY WORK
Missionary work has not been so seriously affected by the European war as was at first anticipated. In many of the important mission fields, such as in China and Japan, and even India, which is so closely bound with the British Empire, work has been continued for the most part on normal lines. According to the International Review of Missions the returns for the circulation of the Scriptures for 1914 show a remarkable increase on all previous records. The most serious difficulty has been due to the necessity of postponing all plans for expansion.

Bethesda's Finances

At a meeting of the Official Board of Bethesda M. E. Church on last Friday evening, it was learned that the financial condition of the church is in better condition than it has been for some time, and the new financial plan put in operation a year ago, has the credit for the improvement. Last year when Dr. Wyatt went to Conference, there was a debt of \$400. This year there is but a small debt, and before Conference meets there will be money in hand to pay all bills, with something over.
Dr. Wyatt announced that he believes his work here is ended and he thinks it may be advisable to have a pastoral change for the next Conference year. The church members object to this change, being much attached to Dr. Wyatt.
The Conference will meet in Wilmington, in March.

Forest Church Notes

Sunday, February 13th, 1916.
10.30 A. M. Public worship with sermon.
11.45 A. M. Sunday School session.
6.45 P. M. Christian Endeavor service. Topic, "The Consecration of Influence," Heb. 10:19-25.
7.30 P. M. Evening service with sermon.
Wednesday evening, prayer-meeting. The annual collection for the Boards of Education and Sunday School will be taken on next Sunday.
The Special Services will begin on Sunday, February 27th, and every communicant of the church is earnestly requested to arrange to be present at any of these services as possible.

Bethesda Church Notes

February 13th, 9.30 A. M. Brotherhood Devotional meeting.
10.30 A. M. Public worship with sermon. Subject—"The Call of Abraham." 2 P. M. Sunday School.
We now have the nucleus of an orchestra, which adds much to our music. Let the teachers make a special effort to build up the classes. Our school is now making commendable progress.
7.30 P. M. Public worship with sermon.
Saturday 3 P. M. Junior League. All members are urged to be present.

WILL HAVE NEW LIBRARY

The work of remodeling the building on the southeast corner of Main street and Depot Road, Newark, formerly occupied by the Newark Post, which is to be the temporary Delaware College library, has been started. Many changes will be made to the interior of the building and it is expected this work will be completed and the books removed from the present library within three weeks. Dr. W. Owen Sypher, acting librarian, has charge of arranging for the removal of the books to the new quarters.

There are about 10,000 volumes in the present library that will be moved. The Delta Phi Literary Society also recently gave its library of 3,000 volumes, including many rare and valuable editions. There are about 15,000 government documents stored on the third floor of Recitation Hall.
The building which has been used as the library for some years will be renovated and equipped, to be used as a students' social center, as soon as the books are moved. H. Rodney Sharpe, chairman of the committee that has this in charge, has arranged for the furnishing of the building. It is to be known as Purnell Hall, in memory of Dr. William H. Purnell who was president of Delaware College from 1870 to 1885. The building will be in charge of the Y. M. C. A.

Four-Year Garden Courses for Girls

To meet the demands of thousands of southern girls who have been successful in raising a tenth-acre of tomatoes and who want to "go on," the representative of the Department of Agriculture and the State colleges in charge of the canning clubs in the fifteen Southern States have worked out what might be called a progressive, four-year practical garden and canning course for girls. The purpose of this course is to start the girls with one crop and from year to year add new annual crops, encourage them to run winter and glass-frame gardens, and finally in the course of their work to lead them to plant perennial, small and orchard fruits. It is hoped that under this system the girls will gain knowledge of how to handle a wide variety of garden vegetables and trees and that the member by the time she gets ready to go to high school or college will have a garden of perennials that readily can be cared for by other members of her family.

Queer January Weather

Making one of the warmest Januaries in record, the first month of the new year closed at midnight Monday with the temperature more than a score of degrees above normal. Although the normal temperature for the month is 31.8 degrees, the January just ended recorded a mean temperature for the 31 days of 38.2 degrees. Spring weather visited the city, the reports of the Weather Bureau in the Federal Building show, on the 27th, when the abnormal temperature of 69 degrees was reached. The mercury reached its lowest point on the 18th, when it dropped to 9 degrees.
The records show there were seven clear days in the month, 11 partly cloudy and 13 cloudy. There was also a dense fog on one day. During the entire month there was only one and one-half inches of rainfall, and the greatest amount of rain fell on January 10, when 3.6 inches was recorded. Phila. Record.

Boy Had Narrow Escape

Victor Jones, aged five years, son of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Jones, of Bridgeville, narrowly averted being ground beneath the wheels of a locomotive, at Market street crossing. The boy and his sister, Mrs. Emory Willey, attempted to cross the railroad tracks, failing to heed the alarm of the crossing watchman or to notice an approaching wagon, whose driver also was attempting to make the crossing ahead of the train.
The boy was knocked down by coming in contact with one of the wagon wheels but by the quick work of Station Agent Thomas C. Curry he was pulled off the track in time, and other than a scare was none the worse off by his narrow escape from death.
The driver did not stop after running into the child, and his identity is unknown.

Farmer's And Dairymen's Meeting

A large and enthusiastic audience greeted Mr. L. H. Cooch, County Agent of New Castle County, Saturday night, when he appeared before the Farmer's and Dairymen's Association meeting in the Court House, at Elkton. He described the work that he is doing in Delaware and then by the aid of charts illustrated the work that he had done in co-operation with the Department of Agriculture in making a farm survey of sixty-five farms in the vicinity of Middletown, Del.

All Campmeetings Licensed

For years an attempt has been made to do away with colored camp meetings in Caroline county, and now a bill is about to be introduced by Delegates Wright, Jackson and Fooks, requiring that a license of \$25 for the privilege of holding camp meetings be charged by counties of the Eastern Shore. This will not only apply to colored camps, but white camp meetings as well.

FRIENDS & VISITORS

Personal Items About People You See and Know

THOSE THAT COME AND GO

Mrs. George Pinder visited Philadelphia last Saturday.
Mr. Lloyd Bragdon spent Sunday with his parents here.
Mrs. J. G. Bragdon was a Wilmington visitor on Tuesday.
Mrs. Clara Brady Green is the guest of friends at Pittsburgh, Pa.
Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Jones were Wilmington visitors on Sunday.
Mr. and Mrs. William Brockson were Philadelphia visitors on Thursday.
Miss M. L. Beaton is visiting her brother in Kent County this week.
Mr. A. Fogel spent last week in New York City hunting spring bargains.
Mrs. Martin B. Burris spent Tuesday day and Wednesday in Wilmington.
Miss Wilkins, of Virginia, is spending the week with Miss Elizabeth Lindley.
Miss Pennington, of Chestertown, Md., visited Miss Mary Pool this week.
Mr. Earl Goldsborough, of Chester, Pa., spent Saturday afternoon in town.
Mr. and Mrs. Everett Walls are entertaining Mr. Walls' sister, of Georgetown.
Miss Elizabeth Stevenson, of near Smyrna, visited Mrs. Rosa Evans this week.
Miss Maud Smith, of Philadelphia, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Margaret Smith.
Miss Bessie Anderson was an over Sunday visitor with friends in Philadelphia.
Miss Nellie Janvier will go to Annapolis, Md., this week for a visit with friends.
Miss Mary Hutchin had her cousin, from Philadelphia, for a guest early in the week.
Miss Eugenia Beaton is entertaining Miss Minnie Finley, of Chicago, Ill., this week.
Miss Mary K. Knight, a teacher of Friends School, Baltimore, was the week-end with Miss Emma Carpenter, near town.
Mrs. John Buehm is the guest of her daughter Mrs. Albert Saunders, in Wilmington.
Miss Ada Lockwood has Miss Blanche Griffith, of Baltimore, Md., as her guest, this week.
Mr. C. C. Cosden has accepted a position with the Remington Arms Co., at Eddystone, Pa.
Mrs. Edward Lippincott is on a two weeks' visit with her sister-in-law, Mrs. Willie Lippincott.
Mrs. John C. Stites has returned to Philadelphia after a visit with J. L. Shepherd and wife.
Mrs. J. Frank Biggs has her mother, Mrs. S. Porter Lusby, of Cecilton, Md., staying with her.
Miss Alice Smith, of Wilmington, visited her brother, Mr. John Smith and wife on Sunday.
Mrs. Reba Hawkins, of Charlevoix, Pa., was a recent guest of Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Z. Crossland.
Mr. Cecil McCleary, of Milford, spent several days the past week with his mother Mrs. McCleary.
Mr. Carl Jones has accepted a position with the Diamond State Telephone Co. at Seaford and entered upon his new duties on Monday.
Mrs. Henrietta Parvis and Mrs. Henry Browne are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Schroeder, at Lancaster, Pa.
Mr. and Mrs. Walter Fergus, of Oxford, Pa., were guests of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Johnson this week.
Miss M. Louise McDowell, of Ardmore, Pa., is the guest of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. H. B. McDowell.
Mrs. Charles Derrickson entertained her sister, Mrs. Victor Cochran, of Philadelphia, part of this week.
Mrs. R. Alvin Cochran is in Wilmington for a visit of several days with Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Mendinall.
Mr. Ira Ottwell, of Seaford, is spending two weeks with Mr. and Mrs. James E. Lewis and Miss Nellie Ottwell.
Miss Neely Lazby, of Washington, D. C., was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Burris, Thursday and Friday.
Mrs. H. P. Kelley and son Price, of Philadelphia, are guests at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Price.
Mrs. Charlotte Thompson, of Philadelphia, spent several days of last week with her sister Mrs. Alexander Maxwell.
Mrs. Joseph Mendinall, of Wilmington, spent several days of last week with her father Mr. Charles P. Cochran.
Miss Jean Wetten was an over Sunday visitor in Wilmington at the home of her brother, William F. Wetten and family.
Mrs. J. F. Deakney and Miss Elma Deakney spent Saturday and Sunday in Wilmington and while there visited Dr. Lyon's tabernacle.
Mr. and Mrs. Jefferson B. Board visited Mr. Board's daughter, Mrs. William Sterling Evans and family, of Elkton, Md., this week.
Messrs. J. E. and J. C. Herman, Urey, Keogh, Weller, Deem and Brown, representatives of the "New Livingston Vacuum Sweeper," are spending several weeks here as guests of Mrs. Spry.
The Rev. Percy L. Donaghy was in Wilmington on Tuesday, a guest at the meeting of the clergy of the diocese at the Hotel duPont. The clergy were the guests of R. M. Trappell and William H. Laird, of Wilmington.

OBITUARY

MISS JOSEPHINE McMULLIN
Miss Josephine McMullin died at her home in Port Penn on Friday, and was buried in Hickory Grove cemetery on Monday. Miss McMullin's sister, Miss Elizabeth McMullin died at the same house about two weeks ago, after an illness of three years. One sister, Miss Margaret McMullin, survives.

SARAH ELIZABETH PETERSON
Miss Sarah Elizabeth Peterson, daughter of the late Alexander and Ann Allee Peterson, died suddenly at the home of her nephew, Mr. Alexander P. Corbit, of Odessa, on Wednesday. The funeral services will be held today (Saturday) at 12.30 o'clock, at the residence of Mr. Corbit. Interment will be made in Smyrna Cemetery.

RUGBYNE L. ELLISON
Eugene L. Ellison, president of the Insurance Company, of North America, died suddenly Tuesday in his office in the insurance company's building, Third and Walnut streets, Philadelphia. Death was due to heart disease. Dr. Bloomberg was called in and pronounced him dead. Mr. Ellison had been connected with the Insurance Company of North America since 1871. He was born in Delaware, and after a public school education graduated from the Newark Academy, Newark. Mr. Ellison was a former resident of Middletown.

MRS. CATHERINE BENDLER
Mrs. Catherine Bendler, aged 73 years, a well-known resident of Port Penn, died at her home there on Sunday morning. She is survived by her husband, Albert Bendler and nine children, as follows: Harry Bendler, of Port Penn; Morris Bendler, of Baltimore; Walter K. Bendler, of West Virginia; Dale S. Bendler, of New Castle; Mrs. John W. Spicer, of Delaware City; Mrs. Ollie Voshell, of Port Penn; Mrs. S. T. Armstrong, of Delaware City; and Christian Bendler, of near Port Penn. The funeral was held on Wednesday afternoon.

Queen Esther Circle

The regular meeting of the Queen Esther Circle of Bethesda M. E. Church was held at the home of Mrs. Rowden E. Wilson on Anderson street, Tuesday evening, with 23 members present. Several stories of the results accomplished by the workers in Mexico and among the Indians were read by Mrs. W. T. Pearce, Jr., Misses Anna Denny and Lena Weber. The flower committee reported two bouquets and a basket of fruit sent to the sick. An invitation to the Circle from Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Shepherd to be their guests on Monday evening, February 14, was read and accepted. After the devotional and business meeting the evening was given over to the social committee who had planned a very enjoyable program, including a "Mystic Menu," which provided much fun, chicken, tongue and olive sandwiches and coffee were served.

Conference Plans Delayed

Preparations for the Wilmington Methodist Episcopal Conference have been somewhat delayed owing to the Tabernacle meetings which are still in progress in Wilmington, and also by the illness of the Rev. W. F. Corkran, pastor of Union Methodist Episcopal church, Wilmington, where the conference sessions will be held, and the Rev. Vaughn S. Collins, pastor of St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal church, Wilmington, who is on the committee of arrangements. Conference will convene in Union church on March 29, with Bishop Joseph E. Berry, of Philadelphia, presiding, but arrangements for entertainment of ministers and other details have not been completed owing to the illness of some of the ministers.

Grange Notes

The Lecture hour of Peach Blossom Grange Friday night was to have been under the direction of W. S. Coppage, but as he was unable to be present the regular Lecturer took his place.
The evening topic was "Farm Records." Fred Brady spoke upon the Breeding and Feeding records and E. H. Shalcross, the Dairy and Field Records.
Dr. W. S. P. Combs was elected and installed to the office of door-keeper.
The next session, February 18th, is looked forward to with interest. A "Play and Music" by local talent under direction of Miss Helen F. Brady, will be given, making the Lecture hour very attractive.

Workhouse Trustees Meet

The monthly meeting of the trustees of the New Castle County Workhouse was held at the institution Tuesday. The report of Warden Cross showed the population to be falling off, there being 511 men and women there on December 31 last, while on the same date in January there were but 506 persons in the workhouse. During the month 213 persons were received and 218 discharged. Two deaths occurred during the month. The daily average population was 491.
During the month the workshop manufactured 400,550 dozen pairs of trousers.

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LOCAL HAPPENINGS

Many Condensed News Items of the Past Week

IN THIS AND NEARBY POINTS

Next Monday, February 14, will be St. Valentine's Day.
A meeting will be held in Delaware City, next Wednesday evening, to organize a Parent-Teachers' Association.
Professor C. A. McNeil, of Delaware College, lectured under the auspices of the Delaware City Country Club, Friday afternoon.
Pontiac Tribe, No. 138, Improved Order of Red Men, of Cecilton, are preparing to celebrate their fourteenth anniversary, on March 6.

Miss Mabel Price, of near town, has been appointed teacher of the public school at Sassafras, Md. Miss Helen Z. Davis, having resigned.
Traffic in the Chesapeake Canal is at a standstill while the St. Georges locks are being repaired.
Hospital Sergeant Butler, of the Fort Vott Hospital has been transferred to Fort duPont to take the place of former Sergeant Knapp, retired.

A tire on an automobile owned by Mrs. W. J. Armstrong, of St. Georges, was cut by some boys, who slashed tires on two other automobiles.
Members of the Delaware City troop of Boy Scouts are preparing a minstrel show for the benefit of the proposed camping trip of the troop this summer.

Mr. Edmund Blome, who for the past seven years has conducted a bakery on North Broad street, has discontinued business, and will remove his family from town in a few weeks.

The regular meeting of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union will be held on Monday evening next, at the home of the president, Mrs. J. F. McWhorter, at half past seven o'clock.
John Heldmyer, Jr., real estate broker, has bought from James A. Hastings the mill property known as "Voshell Mill," also, five building lots on Lake street, this town, from W. D. Evans.

Mr. John Heldmyer, Jr., has opened an up-to-date meat market in the stand recently occupied by W. C. Jones, Jr., on North Broad street. The Transcript wishes him success in his new undertaking.
John and Harrison Butler and Ernest Rhodes, the three alleged ring-leaders in a serious race riot in town, in November, were acquitted by a jury in the General Sessions Court in Wilmington, last week.

The ladies of Kirkwood M. E. Church will hold an oyster supper on Friday and Saturday evenings, February 18th and 19th. Ice cream, cake, home-made candy, fancy articles for sale. Proceeds for the benefit of the church.
John Heldmyer, Jr., has sold the Records Mills, located at Blackbird, to Theodore Ferguson. Consideration \$6,000. Also the Joseph Simpers farm, located on the Mill Lane Road, containing 18 acres to Harvey K. Smith.

The St. Georges Marsh Company held their annual meeting this week. The following officers were elected for the coming year: James H. C. Gam, treasurer; William B. Jester, Stewart L. Beck and Edward Webb, managers.
Mr. and Mrs. Samuel C. Pennington, of Philadelphia, are rejoicing in the birth of a son, Ross Carlton Pennington, by name. Mr. Pennington was a former resident of Middletown, and is a grandson of the well known Captain Samuel Pennington. Mrs. Pennington was Miss Jean Ross, of Boston, Mass.

Unclaimed Letters.—The following list of letters remaining unclaimed in the Post Office, for the week ending Feb. 3d: Mrs. West Blockson, Mrs. Josephine Sweetman, Mrs. Addie Butler, Mrs. Elizabeth Claifon, Miss Edna Stevens, Miss Mary Empson, Miss Maggie Turner, H. S. Barker, John Parvis (2), J. L. Poore, George A. Wilson.

The prices realized for horses at the public sales in this section during the past few weeks are far below those received a few years back, when ordinary farm horses were bringing from \$125 to \$175 each. Those offering good cows are realizing high prices, but ordinary cows like horses are not bringing as much money as they did a few years ago.

Many farmers who have been growing sugar corn for the numerous canneries in lower New Castle County, are claiming that sugar corn is not a profitable crop, if grown for \$9.00 a ton, which has been the prevailing price for a number of years. The high prices they have been receiving for field corn during the past two years has convinced them that it is a more profitable crop than the sweet corn, and in all probability the canners will be compelled to increase the price this year if they want a large acreage.

Tuesday, Representative Thomas W. Miller's bill authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to exchange the present Federal Building site at Newark, Del., passed the House by unanimous consent and is now before the senate for consideration. This bill was introduced by Representative Miller at the instance of the trustees of Delaware College, because the present Federal building site encroaches upon the new college property to such an extent that should the proposed Federal building be erected upon that site, it would seriously impair the architecture of the new Delaware College buildings soon to be erected.

ROLL OF HONOR

TOWNSEND PUBLIC SCHOOL

The following pupils have received an average of 90 per cent. or more for the past month:

10th grade—Reba Rittenhouse, Miriam Hutchison, Leola Ratledge, Dollie Hammond.
9th grade—Gladys Pollitt, Irving Hart, Leilah Money, Karlene Hart.
7th grade—Maud Bramble, Margaret Hutchison, Mabel Shockley, Noble Naylor.
6th grade—Georgia Wiggins, Clara Unruh, Elsie Landon, Pearl Wells, Paul Hodgson, Peter Engelman, John Treleven, Ralph Heimold.
5th grade—Edna Reynolds, Margaret Wilson.
4th grade—Mary Schwatka, Esther Hutchison, Esther Money, Mary Watts, Grace Guessford, Avery Shockley, Elmer Pritchard, William Money.
3d grade—Elizabeth Watts, Lillian Alfree, William Pinder.
2d grade—Thomas Skeggs, Walter M. Lee, Walter H. Lee, John Reynolds, Katharine Wiggins, Edna Jones, Nicholas Englemann.
1st grade—Violet Wilbur, Frank Wells, Mahlon Graves, Edward Pinder.

50 Years of Progress

In celebration of the fiftieth jubilee anniversary of the National Young Women's Christian Association which is being observed by every national branch of the association during this month, an interesting meeting was held at the Wilmington association building Monday evening. Miss Mabel Nelson Thurston, of Washington, D. C., was the speaker. She spoke on "The Jubilee and Its Message."

In reviewing fifty years of association work, Miss Thurston traced the history of the association in Boston in 1866 down to the present day when there are branches in every large city in the world. She paid tribute to Miss Grace Dodge, the late national president, whose executive ability had done much toward making the association the strong movement that it is.

A Superb Auto

Auto lovers should see at the Shallcross Garage the largest and finest car ever owned in Middletown, an Oakland, Model No. 50, 7-passenger, 127 inch wheel-base, 8 cylinder, 71 horsepower car.

It is the only 8 cylinder car with a counter-balanced crank-shaft insuring a perfectly continuous, non-vibrating action of the motor, so smooth running that a lead pencil will stand on end upon it! This car is highly finished and handsomely appointed in every way with all the latest improvements found on any car—a high speed, soft going beauty, and only costs \$1585.

Hicks-Evans Wedding

Miss Mary Evans, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William D. Evans, of Nantuxtown Mills and Mr. Norman Hicks, of Chestertown, Md., was married in New York City on Monday morning. They were accompanied to New York by the bride's sister, Miss Rose Evans and Miss Clara Price, of Warwick, Md. The bride wore a handsome blue tulle suit with hat to match. After a short wedding trip, Mr. and Mrs. Hicks will make their home in Wilmington. Mr. Hicks is in the employ of the duPont's at Carney's Point.

Boys Don't Like Reformatory

Brooke Pusey and Albert Golder, youths, who escaped from the Ferris Industrial School some time ago, and were returned, effected another escape Tuesday. Both boys were sent to the feed sheds, to get feed for the cattle about 8.30 o'clock Tuesday morning, and when the keeper had his back turned the boys made a break for the open door, and were last seen running across the fields.
Word of the escape was sent to the city police.

Twenty Dollars At Interest

Let a young man at twenty years of age put twenty dollars at interest, instead of expending it for tobacco. Then, at the beginning of the next year repeat it, and include also the principal and interest of the preceding year, and thus continue to do so from year to year, until he reaches the age of seventy; the amount he would realize would exceed thirty thousand dollars. How many of our young men will try it?

Necktie Social

There will be a Necktie Social on Saturday evening, February 12th, in the Townsend High School. Supper will be on sale from 6.30 until 10 o'clock; also ice cream and cake. You can get your fortune told if you wish. Come and hear what the future has in store for you. The proceeds will go toward the piano fund for the Townsend High School.

Examine Assessment Books

The assessment books of the tax assessors of the various districts of the county are now being examined by the Levy Court Commissioners. Appeals on the assessment will be heard next month, after which the books will be filed ready for the collection.

THE ROLL OF HONOR

Those Who Have Been Studious For The Month of January

MIDDLETOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

11th grade—Jessie Kohl, Frank Pool, Frank McWhorter.
10th grade—Allen Johnson, Shelley Meyers, Charles Kelley.
9th grade—Grace Brady, Grace Carpenter, Frances Cochran, Mildred Freeman, Florence Kohl, William Meyers, William Clark, Marian Pinder, Millie Rosenberg, Lydia Redgrave, Letitia Pool, Alma Whitlock. Special grade—Bessie Denny.
8th grade—Ernest Tee, June McWhorter, Hazel Price, Mildred Shaw, Daniel Bingham, Mildred Hall.
7th grade—Howard Dickson, June Johnson, Gwendolyn Gary, Elizabeth Minner, Fannie Rosenberg, Rogers Fournace, Myrtle Marker, Gilbert Sinex, Josephine Kohl, Emma Sweetman.
6th grade—Frances Armstrong, Mabel Collins, Anna Bingham, Marshal Whitlock, Clayton Draper, Edwin Custer, Virginia Pearce, Sidney Collins, Gilbert Pleasanton, Frank Carpenter, William Pinder.
5th grade—Anna English, Walter Beaton, Harriett Black, Mary Atwell, Percy Donaghy, Caroline Fournace, Burton Williams.
4th grade—Primary School—Jerlene McConagh, Katharine Pullinger, Elizabeth Whitlock, Norma Pyle, Wallace Hufnagel, Stacy Jones, Edwin Donaghy, Helen Kates, Preston Whitlock, John Spicer, Frank Brynes, Camillus Shockley, Earl Kirk, Harris McDowell.
3rd grade—Katherine Conley, Francis Maloney, Leland Sinex, Mary Steele, William Cannon, Anna Alfree, Helen Crouch, Burton Marker, Lucile Newman, Harry Pearce, Harry Sinex, Samuel McConagh, William Pennewill.
2nd grade—Horace Moore, Elizabeth Hufnagel, Oakley Banning, Raymond Morris, Helen Fournace, Catherine Hopkins, Mary Alfree, Arthur Jones, Evelyn Brown, Harry Deputy, John Voshell, Charlotte Donaghy, Kathryn Davis, Helen Moore.
1st grade—A Division—Mary Howell, Blanche Messica, Elva Minner, Sofia Vlahos, Viola Stellar, John Donahoe, Bonnie Rosenberg, Lewis Stewart, B Division—Mabel Fournace.

Confer On Country Life

Much interest centers in the Four-State Country Life Conference, Pennsylvania, Maryland, New Jersey and Delaware, now being held in Philadelphia.

At the opening session Monday night, Dr. Liberty H. Bailey, former dean of the department of agriculture of Cornell University and author of "Holy Earth," in his address Monday night, pleaded for an agricultural policy which shall not only be national, but international.

Dr. Charles A. Wagner spoke Tuesday afternoon, on "Progress of Agricultural Education in the Four States." Dr. E. L. Cross, county superintendent of New Castle county, was one of the speakers of the session Tuesday morning.

Miss Elizabeth Jefferson of the Women's College at Newark, delivered an address Wednesday afternoon, on "Extension Work for Farm Women."

Rumor of Anthrax

SEAFORD, DEL., Feb. 9.—Fear of another outbreak of anthrax among cattle on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, caused the live stock board to act quickly on Tuesday. Cambridge cattle will be somewhat isolated it is definitely determined.

Harry P. Skipper, president of the board, and Charles W. Melville, secretary, were in the office when a letter was received from a farmer near Cambridge, asking for immediate help. He reported that he had a herd of 36 cattle and that seven had died in a day or two from some peculiar disease. Mr. Skipper fears that it is anthrax and that if immediate action is not taken there will be another epidemic of the disease.

Candidate for Sheriff

Mr. Joshua Z. Crossland of this town, has announced himself as a candidate for Sheriff of New Castle County. Mr. Crossland and his numerous friends have many strong arguments in favor of his nomination—one of the most convincing among them, being the fact that more than forty years have elapsed since a Sheriff was elected south of the canal. The candidate and his many Republican friends will wage a vigorous campaign in his behalf, and judging from the encouraging remarks heard throughout the county, Mr. Crossland undoubtedly will make a strong run for the nomination.

Winter Blocks Work on Boulevard

Building of the duPont Boulevard from a point between Ellendale and Georgetown to Selbyville has been suspended during the winter, and will be resumed in the spring. Much construction work has been done, not much time will be required to finish the twenty-mile stretch. Four miles of the boulevard from Georgetown south are now in public use, and heavily traversed.

The Ball of Fire

by GEORGE RANDOLPH CHESTER
and LILLIAN CHESTER
ILLUSTRATED BY C.D. RHODES

CHAPTER XXV.

Gail Breaks a Promise.

The Whitecap would have been under way except for the delay of the gay little Mrs. Babbitt and her admiring husband, who sent word that they could not arrive until after dinner, so the yacht, long and low and slender and glistening white, lay in the middle of the Hudson river, while her guests, bundled warmly against the crisp breeze, gathered in the forward shelter deck and watched the beginnings of the early sunset.

"I like Doctor Boyd in his yachting cap," commented Lucile, as that young man joined them, with a happy mother on his arm.

"It takes away that deadly clerical effect," laughed Arly. "His long coat makes him look like the captain, and he's ever so much more handsome."

"I don't mind being the topic of discussion so long as I'm present," commented Rev. Smith Boyd, glancing around the group as if in search of someone.

"It rather restricts the conversation," Mrs. Helen Davies observed.

The cherub-cheeked Marion Kenneth glanced wistfully over at the rail where Dick Rodley, vying with the sunset in splendor, stood chatting with easy Ted Teasdale and the stiff Gerald Fosland.

"Where's Gail?" demanded the cherub-cheeked one.

"It's time that young lady was up on deck," decided Arly, and rose.

"She's probably taking advantage of the opportunity to dress for dinner," surmised Mrs. Davies. "In fact, I think it's a good idea for all of us."

But the sunset was too potent to leave for a few moments, and she sat still. Where indeed was Gail? In her beautiful little curly maple bed, and digging two small fists into the maple-brown coverlet. The pallor of the morning had not yet left her face, and there were circles around the brown eyes which gave them a wan pathos; there was a crease of pain and worry, too, in the white brow.

Gail had come to the greatest crisis in her life. So far she had told no one of what had occurred that morning. When she had rushed into the rector's study he had sprung up, and, seeing the fright in her face and that she was tottering and ready to fall, he had caught her in his strong arms, and she had clung trustfully to him, half faint, until wild sobs had come to her relief. Even in her incoherence, however, even in her wild disorder of emotion, she realized that there was danger, not only to her but to everyone she loved, in the man from whom she had run away; and she could not tell the young rector any more than that she had been frightened. It was strange how instinctively she had headed for Rev. Smith Boyd's study; strange when, but not now. In that moment of flying straight to the protection of his arms, she knew something about herself, and about Rev. Smith Boyd, too. She knew why she had refused those others who had wooed her; Willis Cunningham and Houston Van Ploon and Dick Rodley; poor Dick! and Allison and all the others. She frankly and complacently admitted to herself that she loved Rev. Smith Boyd, but she put that additional worry into the background. It could be fought out later. She would have been very happy about it if she had had time, although she could see no end to that situation but unhappiness.

Where could she turn for advice, or whom could she get to share in the burden which she felt must surely crush her. There was no one. It was a burden she must bear alone, unless she could devise some plan of effective action, and the sense of how far she had been responsible for this condition of affairs was one which oppressed her, and humbled her, and deepened the circles about her we-mistaken eyes.

Gail took her fists from their pressure into the brown coverlet, and held her temples between the finger tips of either hand; and the brown hair, springing into wayward ringlets from the salt breeze which blew in at the half-opened window, rippled down over her slender hands, as if to soothe and comfort them. She had been wasting her time in introspection and self-analysis when there was need for decisive action! Fortunately she had a respite until Monday morning. In the past few days of huge commercial movements which so vitally interested her, she had become acquainted with business methods, to a certain extent,

and she knew that nothing could be done on Saturday afternoon or Sunday; therefore Uncle Jim was safe for two nights and a day. Then Allison would deny the connection of her Uncle Jim's road with the A.P., and the beginning of the destruction of the Sargent family would be thoroughly accomplished! She had been given a thorough grasp of how easily that could be done. What could she do in two nights and a day? It was past her ingenuity to conceive. She must have help!

But from whom could she receive it? Tod Boyd? The same reason which made her think of him first made her swiftly place him last. Her Uncle Jim? Too hot-headed. Her Aunt Grace? Too inexperienced. Her Aunt Helen? Too conventional. Lucile, Ted, Dick? She laughed. Arly?

There was a knock at the door, and Arly herself appeared.

"Selfish," chided Arly. "We're all wanting you."

"That's comforting," smiled Gail. "I have just been being all alone in the world, on the most absolutely deserted island of which you can conceive. Arly, sit down. I want to tell you something."

The black hair and the brown hair cuddled close together, while Gail, her tongue once loosened, poured out in a torrent all the pent-up misery which had been accumulating within her for the past tempestuous weeks; and Arly, her eyes glistening with the excitement of it all, kept her exclamations of surprise and fright and indignation and horror, and everything else, strictly to such low monosyllables as would not impede the gasping narration.

"I'd like to kill him!" said Arly, in a low voice of startling intensity, and jumping to her feet she paced up and down the confines of the little stateroom. Among all the other surprises of recent events, there was none more striking than this vast change in the usually cool and sarcastic Arly, who had not, until her return from Gail's home, permitted herself an emotion in two years.

"The only way in which that person can be prevented from attacking your Uncle Jim, which would be his first step, is to attack him before he can do anything," said Arly, pacing up and down, her fingers clasped behind her slender back, her black brows knotted, her graceful head bent toward the floor.

"He is too powerful," protested Gail. "That makes him weak," returned Arly quickly. "In every great power there is one point of great weakness. Tell me again about this tremendously big world monopoly."

Patently and searching her memory for details, Gail recited over again all which Allison had told her about his wonderful plan of empire; and even now, angry and humiliated and terror-stricken as she was, Gail could not repress a feeling of admiration for the bigness of it. It was that which had impressed her in the beginning.

"It's wonderful," commented Arly, catching a trace of that spirit of the exultation which hangs upon the unfolding of fairyland; and she began to pace the floor again. "Why, Gail, it is the most colossal piece of thievery the world has ever known!" And she walked in silence for a time. "That is the thing upon which we can attack him. We are going to stop it."

Gail rose, too.

"How?" she asked. "Arly, we couldn't, just we two girls!"

"Why not?" demanded Arly, stopping in front of her. "Any plan like that must be so full of criminal crookedness that exposure alone is enough to put an end to it."

"Exposure," faltered Gail, and struggled automatically with a life-long principle. "It was told to me in confidence."

Arly looked at her in astonishment. "I could shake you," she declared, and instead took her arm around Gail. "Did that person betray no confidence when he came to your uncle's house this morning? Moreover, he told you this merely to overawe you with the glitter of what he had done. He made that take the place of love! Confidence! I'll never do anything with so much pleasure in my life as to betray your rights now! If you don't expose that person, I will! If there's any way we can damage him, I intend to see that it is done; and if there's any way after that to damage him again and again, I want to do it!"

For the first time in that miserable day, Gail felt a thrill of hope, and

Arly, at that moment, had, to her, the aspect of a colossal figure, an angel of brightness in the night of her despair! She felt that she could afford to sob now, and she did it.

"Do you suppose that would save Uncle Jim?" she asked, when they had both finished a highly comforting time together.

"It will save everybody," declared Arly.

"I hope so," pondered Arly. "But we can't do it ourselves, Gail. Whom shall we get to help us?"

The smile on Arly's face was a positive illumination for a moment, and then she laughed.

"Gerald," she replied. "You don't know what a dear he is!" and she rang for a cabin boy.

CHAPTER XXVI.

Gerald Fosland Makes a Speech.

Gerald Fosland, known to be so formal that he had once dressed to answer an emergency call from a friend at the hospital, because the message came in at six o'clock, surprised his guests by appearing before them in the salon just before dinner, in his driving coat and with his motor cap in his hand.

"Sorry," he informed them, with a stiff bow, "but an errand of such importance that it cannot be delayed, causes Mrs. Fosland and myself to return to the city immediately for an hour or so. I am sincerely apologetic, and I trust that you will have a jolly dinner."

"Is Gail going with you?" inquired the alert Mrs. Helen Davies, observing Gail in the gangway adjusting her furs.

"She has to chaperon me, while Gerald is busy," Arly glibly explained. "You're it, Aunt Grace. You and Uncle Jim have to be hosts. Good-by!" and she sailed out to the deck, followed by the still troubled Gail, who managed to accomplish the laughing adieu for which Arly had set the precedent.

A swift ride in the launch, in the cool night air, to the landing; a brisk walk to the street; then Gerald, having seen the ladies safe under shelter, even if it were but the roof of a night-hawk taxi, stopped at the first saloon. There he phoned half a dozen messages. There were four eager young men waiting in the reception room of the Fosland house, when Gerald's party arrived, and three more followed them up the steps.

Gerald aided in divesting the ladies of their wraps, and slipped his own big top coat into the hands of William, and saw to his tie and the set of his waistcoat and the smoothness of his hair, before he stalked into the reception parlor and bowed stiffly.

"Gentlemen," he observed, giving his mustache one last smoothing, "first of all, have you brought with you the written guarantees which I required from your respective chiefs, that, in whatsoever comes from the information I am about to give you, the names of your informants shall, under no circumstances, appear in print?"

One luckless young man, a fat-cheeked one, with a pucker in the corner of his lips where his cigar should have been, was unable to produce the necessary document, and he was under a scrutiny too close to give him a chance to write it.

"Sorry," announced Gerald, with polite condition. "As this is a very strict condition, I must ask you to leave the room while I address the remaining gentlemen."

The remaining gentlemen, of whom there were now eleven, grinned appreciatively. Hickey would have been the best newspaper man in New York if he were not such a careless slob. He was so good that he was the only man from the Planet. The others had sent two and three, for Gerald's message, while very simple, had been most effective. He had merely announced that he was prepared to provide them with an international sensation, involving some hundreds of billions of dollars—and he had given his right name!

"Hold the stuff till I telephone," begged Hickey. "Say, if I get that written guaranty up here in fifteen minutes, will it do?"

Gerald looked him speculatively in the eye.

"If you telephone, and can then assure me, on your word of honor, that the document I require shall be in the house before you leave, I shall permit you to remain," he decreed; and Hickey looked him quite soberly in the eye for half a minute.

"I'll have it here all right," he decided, and sprang for the telephone, and came back in three minutes with his word of honor. They could hear him, from the library, yelling, from the time he gave the number until he hung up the receiver, and if there was ever urgency in a man's voice, it was in the voice of Hickey.

Gerald Fosland took a commanding position in the corner of the room, where he could see the countenances of each of the eager young gentlemen present. He stood behind a chair, with his hands on the back of it, in his favorite position for responding to a toast.

There He Phoned Half a Dozen Messages.

"Gentlemen: Edward E. Allison is about to complete a transportation system encircling the globe. The acquisition of the foreign railroads will be made possible only by a war, which is already arranged. The war, which will be between Germany and France, will begin within a month. France, unable to raise a war fund otherwise, will sell her railroads. The Russian line is already being taken from its present managers, and will be turned over to Allison's world syndicate within a week. The important steamship lines will become involved in financial difficulties, which have already been set afoot in England. Following these events will come a successful rebellion in India, and the independence of all the British colonies."

"You will probably require some tangible evidence that these large plans are on the way to fulfillment. I call your attention to the fact that, last week, the Russian duma began a violent agitation over the removal of Olaf Petrov, who was the controller of the entire Russian railroad system. Day before yesterday Petrov was unfortunately assassinated, and the agitation in the duma subsided. This morning I read that France is greatly incensed over a diplomatic breach in the German war office; and it is commented that the breach is one which cannot possibly be healed. Kindly take note of the following facts: From the first to the eighth of this month, Baron von Slachten, who is directly responsible for Germany's foreign relations, was seen in this city at the Fencing club, under the incognito of Henry Brokaw. Chevalier Duchambau, director of the combined banking interests of France, was here in that same week, and was seen at the Montparnasse Cercle. He bore the name of Andre Tirez. The Grand Duke Jan of Russia was here as Ivan

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"That boy'll be here any minute," "Sorry," regretfully observed Gerald, "but I shall be compelled to detain you until he arrives."

"Can't do it!" returned the desperate Hickey. "I have to go!" and he made a dash for the door.

Once more the ice tongs clutched him by the shoulder and sank into the flesh.

"If you try that again, young man, I shall be compelled to thrash you," stated the host, again mildly.

Hickey looked at him, very thoughtfully. Gerald was a slim-waisted gentleman, but he had broad shoulders and a depressingly calm eye, and he probably exercised twenty minutes every morning by an open window, after his cold plunge, and took a horseback ride, and walked a lot, and played polo, and a few other effete things like that. Hickey sat down and waited, and, though the night was cold, he mopped his brow until the messenger came!

CHAPTER XXVII.

Chicken, or Steak?

On the outbreak of a bygone rudeness between the United States and Spain, one free and entirely uncurbed metropolitan paper, unable to adequately express its violent emotions on the subject, utilized its whole front page with the one word "War!" printed in red ink.

Now, however, the free and entirely uncurbed, having risen most gloriously in the past to every emergency, no matter how great, positively floundered in the very wealth of its opportunities.

Saturday night, however, saw no late extras. The "story" was too big to touch without something more tangible than the word of even so substantial a man as Gerald Fosland; and long before any of the twelve eager young gentlemen had reached the office, the scout brigade, hundreds strong, were sniffing over every trail and yelping over every scent.

Until three o'clock in the morning every newspaper office in New York was a scene of violent gloom. The world's biggest sensation was in those offices, and they couldn't touch it with a pair of tongs! The deterrent was that the interests involved were so large that one might as well sit on a keg of gunpowder and light it, as to make the slightest error. The gentlemen mentioned as the organizers of the International Transportation company collectively owned about all the money and all the power and all the law in the gloriously independent United States of America; and if they got together on any one subject, such as the squashing of a newspaper, for instance, something calm and impressive was likely to happen. On the other hand, if the interesting story in the free and entirely uncurbed had in its possession were true, the squashing would be reversed, and the freeness and entirely uncurbedness would be still more firmly seated than ever, which is the palladium of our national liberties; and heaven be good to us.

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And it is sometimes said of a man that he drinks like a fish—but he imbibes a different fluid.

Washing Machine of New Order.

In one of the newest washing machines a fan or propeller within the tub sends a constant stream of hot suds through the soiled clothing, contained in a movable cylinder which is slowly revolved by the action of the stream of hot water upon it. The machine has neither gears nor belts. A small electric motor fastened beneath the tub does the work and also operates an electric wringer attached to the top of the tub. No manual labor, other than placing the soiled clothes in the tub, and placing hot water and soap therein, is necessary.

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"I should consider that a pertinent question," granted Gerald. "Gentlemen, you will pardon me for a moment," and he bowed himself from the room.

He had meant to ask that one simple question and return, but in Arlene's blue room, where sat two young women, in a high state of quiver, he had to make his speech all over again, verbatim, and detail each interruption, and describe how they received the news, and answer, several times, the variously couched question, if he really thought their names would not be mentioned. It was fifteen minutes before he returned, and he found the twelve young gentlemen suffering with an intolerable itch to be gone. Five of the young men were in the library, quarreling, in decently low voices, over the use of the phone. The imperturbable Hickey, however, had it, and he held on, handing in a story, embellished and colored and frilled and beribboned as he went, which would make the cylinders on the presses curl up.

"I am sorry to advise you, gentlemen, that I am unable to tell you if the International Transportation company is, or is about to be, incorporated," reported Gerald gravely, and he signaled to William to open the front door.

As the rapt and enchanted Hickey passed out of the door, a grip like a pair of ice tongs caught him by the arm, and drew him gently but firmly back.

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An Old Valentine

by Margaret E. Sangster Jr.

I WANDERED to an attic where lacy cobwebs swayed,
Where sunbeams, dusty golden, were dancing as they strayed;
And as I crossed the threshold with footsteps soft and slow,
I felt the hidden presence of ghosts of long ago.

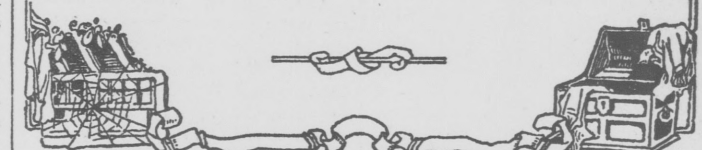
I saw a wooden chest there with rusty lock and key,
And when I knelt before it my dreaming eyes could see
Initials twined together and carving almost hid
By scratches, deeply graven upon the polished lid.

I knelt beside it, silent, and opened it with care;
I felt as if some girl-soul were standing by me there;
For dainty garments whispered, and perfumed faces sung
Of morning and of springtime, when all the world was young.

I saw a folded paper, all yellow with the years,
Perhaps the print of kisses, perhaps the mark of tears
Had touched it once—for, fastened with bow of faded blue,
It whispered through the ages a message, "I love you!"

I laid it gently from me and closed the chest with care,
And breathing through the stillness I heard behind me there
A murmur—half a love word, and half, perhaps a sigh—
The phantom of a heart-beat of many years gone by.

—From the Christian Herald.



ROMANCES END IN "CUPID'S MORGUE"

Many a Token of Affection Finds Its Way to the Dead Letter Office.

Every Year Thousand of Valentines Fail to Reach Their Destination Because of Carelessness on the Part of Those Who Send Them.

THE failure to dot an "i" or cross a "t" helps to fill "Cupid's morgue" and often places in jeopardy the real romance of many a man and maid who go through life thinking that the anonymous outpourings of their hearts were not appreciated, or that the intended recipient lacked intuition. Thousands of these votaries of St. Valentine lose out every fourteenth day of February and wonder why, little thinking it was only the slip of the pen in addressing the valentine to the chosen one that caused it to go astray and finally reach "Cupid's morgue," as it is called at the dead letter office at Washington.

Or it may be the lost valentine was sent to a "Nixie post office," which sounds like a place for only mysterious letters which are sent to little brownies, pixies and fairies by small children, but is in reality just a flag station on the railroad, and not a post office at all. In this case it is left at the nearest post office, and if the addressee fails to claim it the valentine then reaches "Cupid's morgue" at some one of the sixteen division headquarters of the railway mail service.

When it reaches the morgue, if it bears a written message, every means is resorted to to find for whom it was intended, for Uncle Sam has a lot of sentiment, so sometimes by the postmark and a wonderful astuteness in unravelling the secret intentions of people which characterizes the clerks in the dead letter office through whose hands it passes, the fair one or gallant is reached. As real valentines are never signed—for that is their mysterious charm—it takes a kindred feeling and the cleverest sort of detective work to unravel the mystery of their destination. In the event of failure, he who thinks these messengers of sentiment and love are ruthlessly destroyed or sold at auction in one of the several dead letter sales which take place each year is mistaken, for in the case of valentines, with some exceptions, what is one's loss is another's gain, and while a trifle belated reach a happy destination where they are thoroughly appreciated.

On the 14 of February all over the country the mails increase about ten per cent, and while this is not as large an increase as at Christmas and Easter, it is very noticeable, requiring a longer time to sort and deliver the valentine matter. The special delivery and parcel post service help to facilitate getting out the mails on this day, and the latter is particularly interesting in the variety and uniqueness of the articles it carries as souvenirs of the celebration.

With each year styles change, and the old-fashioned, large, lace paper valentines in the embossed envelopes of the last century, and the fancy cards in pasteboard boxes which used to be sent and were such a trial in the stamping machine, have now given place to thousands of post cards, while books, candy, flowers, fruit and other articles requiring careful wrapping come by special delivery or in the parcel post.

There is no live stock of any description carried by parcel post except, by accident, though, according to Wheatley, St. Valentine "was a man of most admirable parts, and so famous for his love and charity, that the custom of choosing valentines upon his festival took its rise from thence."

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country swain not being up in parcel post regulations and wishing to send the admired one a suggestive, live, homey valentine, sent her a pair of bantam chickens by the parcel post. The postmaster at the country post office, not having read carefully his instructions, or perhaps having a fellow feeling, allowed the tiny cock and hen to come to Washington, and they were so cute and the cock crowed so lustily on his arrival that the parcel post man delivered the pair to the intended one. Besides these, a pair of rabbits came through in the same way.

Since the rage for picture postcards began valentines largely take that form, and as addresses are often defective, and there are no return marks, these are turned into "Cupid's morgue" in the dead letter office, where they are carefully looked over, sorted out, put in packages and by the help of a list furnished by municipal officers, sent around to the various charitable institutions and hospitals. On reaching this final destination they are distributed among the inmates and patients in the wards, of course the children coming first.

This is a wise and cheerful disposition of them that Uncle Sam has thought out, as they bring sunshine to many a little child and older person, too, who may have been overlooked on St. Valentine's day. And though the gift is a bit late, it is enjoyed just as much, as was illustrated in the case of an old sailor in one of the hospitals, who was moved to tears of joy at the sight of the valentine, explaining to the nurse that it was the first he had received in years. The last one reached him in a foreign port, he explained, and since then there had been silence.

Flowers and fruit are distributed in a similar way after being kept for a reasonable length of time in the large ice box which was installed in October in the new city post office for that purpose, all perishable goods being put in this if delivery is belated.

CUPID SULKING



WEDDED LOVERS' VALENTINE.

When daffodils began to blow,
And apple blossoms thick to snow
Upon the brown and breaking mold—
'Twas in the spring—we kissed and smiled
And loved, and heaven and earth defied,
We were so young and bold.

Alas! we are not now so young,
Yet love to us hath safely clung,
Despite the sorrow, years and care—
But ah! we have not what we had,
We cannot be so free, so glad—
So foolish as we were.

Its Origin in Doubt.

Many hold firmly to the belief that the celebration by the youth of both sexes of St. Valentine's day has some connection with the Roman saint Valentine, the bishop or presbyter who was beheaded in 270, during the reign of the Emperor Claudius. But this is doubtful, though, according to Wheatley, St. Valentine "was a man of most admirable parts, and so famous for his love and charity, that the custom of choosing valentines upon his festival took its rise from thence."

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HOW DOGS GOT THEIR NAMES

Substantial Reasons in All Cases for Dividing the Canine Species Into Breeds Well Known.

TEUTON SAVAGERY

GERMANS FEAR REPRISAL AIR RAIDS
"Amsterdam, Feb. 8.—Warnings are being sent out through northwestern Germany to take precautionary measures against reprisal air attacks by the Allies for the recent raids over London and Paris. Fleets of air patrols are scouring the skies by day time and searchlights are kept active all night. High angle guns are kept continuously manned."—Bulletin.

Nothing could more plainly show the difference between the brutal, barbaric methods of Germany in this Great War and the humane, civilized tactics of the Allies, than their refusal to retaliate by dropping bombs upon defenseless German cities, the sorely tempted by Zeppelin air massacres of innocent non-combatants, women and children in their beds which bloody-minded Germany has been practicing in France and England ever since the war began.

These cowardly butcheries which are mere senseless murders without one atom of military value, are a continuation of the deliberate scheme of "Frightfulness" which Germany employed so shockingly in the wholesale murders, rapings and other atrocities against the unarmed people of Belgium with a view thru these cruelties and horrible savageries to terrify that heroic nation into submission. These awful deeds, which will make the name of Germany a stench in the nostrils of civilization forever, wholly failed in the case of little Belgium, crushed and bleeding under the iron heel of German militarism; they certainly will not succeed in scaring strong, stout-hearted England or the hardly less powerful and even more courageous France.

How white the Christian chivalry of France and England's shows, alongside the foul blackness of Germany's incessant murders of helpless women and children! History will write down this German Kaiser as a monster of blood whose wanton cruelties have far exceeded those of a Herod and those which have made the name of a Nero, infamous.

No, thank God, Germany has the monopoly of barbarism, Germany and her cruel ally, Turkey, and the provocation of these persistent assassinations of women and children would, many leading statesmen here and in Europe declare, justify reprisals in sheer defense, the chivalrously brave Frenchmen and the kindly brave Englishmen, to their external honor, refuse to stoop to the low level of Germans and Turks, making war upon helpless mothers and babes.

GERMANY'S "KULTUR"

Another Zeppelin raid on Paris! It resulted in the killing of 24 and the wounding of 27 combatants, most of whom were slain in their beds by bombs dropped from an altitude of 14,000 feet. In other words, the attack served no useful military purpose for the Germans and was merely further evidence of the bloodthirstiness underlying Teutonic military methods. No member of the Quadruple Entente is to be frightened by such work. The wanton slaughter of men, women and children merely will strengthen the French, British, Russian and Italian determination to win the war at all hazards."—Evening Journal.

Most of these victims are women and children, which goes to show that Germany in her Zeppelin raids is adopting that chivalrous rule of the sea—"women and children first!"

All this cowardly shedding of innocent blood is an object lesson commending to all the world the beauty of the German Kultur that with its devil doctrine that "Might Makes right" is to supercede the childish nonsense of Love as taught by the Christ in his Sermon on the Mount.

Better Marketing for Farmers.

A joint committee of the trustees and faculty of Delaware College, appointed some time ago to consider the proposition of better marketing for Delaware farmers, held its first meeting Thursday at the office of William H. Heald, Wilmington, chairman. The other members of the committee are Daniel P. Corbit and Frank Bancroft, trustees, and Professor Harry Hayward and Dr. E. V. Vaughn, members of the faculty. The time was devoted largely to mapping out work to be done.

After October first the hours for the Middletown Public Library will be: Tuesday, 3.30 to 5 P. M.; Friday, 7 to 8.30 P. M.; Saturday, 3 to 5 P. M. The Library will be open on Tuesday evenings for school children exclusively.

FUTURIST MUSIC.

The futurist music which the future has in store for us is said to be "distinguished by its dissonance." In other words, it is a system of discords that harmonize with life. We are so accustomed to the other kind of music that this sort will for a while seem unpleasant, but when it is rightly adjusted, we will enjoy it. It is only a habit that gives to harmony its delight. We remember the heathen Chinese, when he first went to the opera and heard the orchestra tuning up its fiddles, that he vigorously applauded. He thought that was the music he came to enjoy and he enjoyed it. So the futurist music will strike the novice in the sweet by and by. Some days ago we gave this quotation from Carlyle: "Spiritual music can only come from discords set in unison." Perhaps the futurist discords can be so utilized, and in their relations one can see beauty, love, duty, heroism, eternity. And that is really the teaching of the futurist. We may regard the music ugly, but it is our ears that are at fault. We will need a new set of ears to comprehend and enjoy futurist music. That won't be a hard condition. We think sometimes we need a new set of ears to enjoy much of the present style of music.

On her last trip to the Pacific coast from oriental ports, the steamship Minnesota carried what her owners say was the largest cargo carried in one bottom in the history of shipping. The total of the cargo is estimated at nearly 30,000 tons. Included were 38,500 bales of hemp from Manila bound for Chicago, and 2,730 bags of peanuts for the Pacific coast. From Kobe came 37,500 chests of tea for overland points via the Great Northern road, principally Chicago, New York, Montreal and Toronto. There were 43,430 bags of Manchurian maize, and over 5,500 cases of porcelain from Japanese ports. From Yokohama was shipped treasure amounting to 1,500,000 yen in gold coin.

"Weir of Hermiston," Robert Louis Stevenson's last unfinished book, was written in bed, or rather dictated to the novelist's devoted wife, "Katriona," written about the heather-clad hills of the highlands on the tropical island, Samoa, was mainly written "in a reclined position," for it is certain that long before his early lamented death, Stevenson spent much of his time on his couch, working to the very last hour of his life. Mark Twain wrote nearly all his later books in bed. So persistent a "sluggard" was he that he had a specially contrived bed desk fitted up, so that he could write without trouble or exertion while propped luxuriously among the pillows.

Next year will occur the centenary of the organization of savings banks, and the American Bankers' association has plans afoot for its appropriate celebration. Savings banks have been an encouragement to thrift among the wage earners. More than eleven million people have deposits in these institutions, and the average of these deposits is five hundred dollars per capita of the depositors.

One old man, who had been married almost fifty years, told us the other day that he was never away from his wife 24 hours at a time without becoming overwhelmed with loneliness. This is offered for the benefit of cynics who get their ideas of matrimony from the divorce courts.

When in conversation you run up against a hard Balkan name pronounce it glibly any way you like, and you will find that people will look at you admiringly and wonder how you knew.

Habits are hard to break. The San Francisco county jail is being steepled, according to reports, by prisoners who keep twisting off metal fixtures and hiding the loot.

Whatever the partisan feeling, everyone must admire the pluck with which the little nation of Serbia is fighting to save its existence against overwhelming odds.

It is said that there are 2,500,000 golfers in the country, but probably what this statistician means is that there are that many who play at the game.

Those automobile fellows seem able to do anything; why don't some of them get out a set of non-skidding tires for the Panama canal?

What is needed now is a collapsible automobile that can be pulled back into shape after it hits an electric light pole.

Explaining the Whistles.

A commercial traveler arrived for the first time in a small western town during the night. In the morning he was awakened by whistles—shrill ones, foggy ones, scale runners, high key, low key and every other kind. So at breakfast he questioned the landlady: "Quite a manufacturing town you have here." "Oh, yes—fine town!" "What kind of factories?" "Wa-all, more slowly, 'four principally." "Just four?" "Wa-all, very slowly, 'yes, as yet; but the Metropolitan mill's a big one." "Why, I heard a dozen different whistles!" "Oh," edging his chair up confidentially, "them is all in the Metropolitan. You see, we got the whistles for the factories we're going to have an' put 'em in to make the town sound lively. Seems quite citted now, don't it?"—National Food Magazine.

BUSINESS BOOMING IN JAPAN

Long Spell of Depression Has Been Succeeded by Gratifying Era of Good Times.

After a long spell of depression the tide has turned in Japan. "But for the war and cheap rice," says the Japan Times, "the turn would have come months ago. But the farmers make up with the abundance of their crop for the cheapness of the grain, and the war itself has brought considerable prosperity to not a few lines of industry and business, as the company returns for the first half-yearly term show. Compared with the preceding term, 13 weaving companies saw an increase of their profits by 340 per cent, chemical industry companies by 120 per cent, seven exchanges by 83 per cent, four sugar companies by 80 per cent, seven warehouse companies by 70 per cent, 19 spinning companies and four flour mill companies by 45 per cent. Increases of profits seem to have been and to continue to be the general rule, the exceptions being the railway, gas, kiln and a few other businesses. Most noticeable of all, raw silk has of late been going up in price until it has now more than recovered the high level of 1,000 yen a bale, which it fetched before the outbreak of the war. The fact seems to be that a business revival is already here, and it only requires the loosening of capitalists' purse strings for new enterprises to make the country realize the turn of the tide."

HONDURAS SHY ON "MOVIES"

Consular District Has Only One Theater and the Admission Prices Vary.

There is but one motion picture establishment in the Tegucigalpa, Honduras consular district, the Teatro de Variedades, in Tegucigalpa. A number of causes combine to prevent the industry from being more successful, among which are poor transportation facilities, the small purchasing power of the masses, the sparse population generally, and the lack of electric service in all the other interior towns.

In Tegucigalpa performances are given three or four nights a week, commencing at 8:30 or 9 o'clock, and lasting until midnight or later. Approximately about forty-nine hundred feet of film are shown nightly. The prices of admission vary with the quality of the film. Old films, of the regular stock sketches, are sometimes displayed at prices ranging from ten to thirty cents, depending on the location of the seats. Other nights, when such films as "Les Miserables" are run, the prices are trebled; and for ordinary new films the usual charge is about fifty cents for the best seats.

Use Hay for Breastworks.

Many thousands of tons of Texas hay are being used as breastwork against bullets on the lines of defense by the British and French governments, Galveston dispatch to the New York World states.

This fact has just come to light by the statements of foreign buyers of hay, who also direct the compression of the bales before shipment from this port, to make them as nearly bullet proof as possible.

Three ordinary field bales are compressed into one bale before being loaded on a vessel. This process gives a bale the density that is said to make it equal to steel plate in stopping bullets. It is stated that trenches are being lined with the bales of hay.

Woman Conductors in Kilts.

Kilts instead of skirts for women street car conductors, it seems, are to be the new style. It is reported from Oldham that skirts being found inconvenient and, in wet weather, a source of discomfort—especially when the car steps had to be climbed—have been discarded in the woman conductor's uniform and replaced by kilts and leggings, buttoning up the sides. If soldiers may wear kilts, why not tram conductors? The new fashion may, for a time, cause amusement, and even ridicule, as was the case with umbrellas when first introduced, but additional comfort may overcome prejudice and lead to the innovation being adopted generally.—London Chronicle.

Piano Records.

To enable an owner of a player piano to make his own records, an Ohio inventor has perfected a simple machine which allows such work to be done rapidly in the home by anyone who is at all familiar with music. The device not only lessens the cost of a record, but also makes it possible to obtain exactly what is wanted, since it is within the power of the operator to set a selection in whatever key he wishes when perforating a roll. The device consists essentially of a punching instrument that slides along a scale, so divided as to correspond with the apertures in the tracker board of the player piano, and cuts slots of the required lengths. The roll of blank paper is inserted at the back of the machine and fed across a plate. Guiding members at each side and grips at the ends serve to track the paper properly and prevent it from wrinkling. As the punching is done the paper is moved forward and wound on a roll at the front of the machine.

Evil in Covetousness.

Covetousness, by a greediness of getting more, deprives itself of the true end of getting; it loses the enjoyment of what it has got.—Sprat.

And More Expensive.

Breaking the bank at Monte Carlo is about as improbable as breaking a bad cold, but the effort is more fascinating.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Willie Not Equal to Task.

"I didn't see you in church yesterday." "No; Willie didn't shovel a path through the Sunday papers in time."—Puck.

Animals' Double Sight.

Hares, horses and giraffes are better able to see things behind them without turning their heads than any other quadrupeds.

SEATTLE'S GUINEA PIG FARM

Somewhat Remarkable Institution That is Conceded to Be of Very Great Value.

Among the various industries Seattle has undertaken for the common good that of guinea-pig farming would seem to rank as the most curious. Seattle is a guinea-pig farmer on a considerable scale and at times the principal worry of those in charge of the "ranch" is that the guinea-pig supply will exceed the demand.

The municipal guinea-pig herd numbers 700. The guinea-pig farm is a necessity, not an idle experiment. In their humble way these funny little animals play an important part in the daily work of preserving the city's health. They are the official "goats" for the chemists in the city's bacteriological laboratories and at the federal plague laboratory, which the city helps to maintain.

In fact, the little guinea pig is one of the most unfortunate of all animals. Since doctors have learned that he is subject to almost all the ills that human flesh is heir to, life for him is one long feast of griefs.

Because the blood of the little cavy is so like human blood, he is ideal for many bacteriological tests. Give him a cold germ and he will promptly start to sneezing and coughing; give him too much red liquor and he will acquire a ridiculous headache. So good-natured is the guinea pig that he will accept the presence of any sort of germ without protest and during the course of his life at the city laboratory he gets all sorts.

BLONDS FOND OF CHEESE

At Least That is the Opinion Arrived At by Waitress Who Has Been Observing.

Are you a cheese eater? Do you eat your noonday wedge of mince or apple with or without? If it is "with," it is a 10-to-1 bet that you are a blond, for all blonds eat cheese, according to one of the Marie Antoinette counter girls in a Boston restaurant.

This counter girl besides being an expert manipulator of the hot and cold coffee and master of the mazes and electric order buttons is a close observer and psychologist.

She says that after three years of close comparison of those who patronize her counter she has reached the conclusion that cheese is the preference of blonds. A few dark-skinned and piratical men may use cheese, but the blonds all partake, and she suspects that a brunet who asks for the "with" when ordering pie either has a blond strain or a fair-haired sweetheart.

Prisoners Save Money.

An unusual plan was adopted and tried with success in the Dayton (O.) workhouse, which deserves the careful consideration of penal authorities throughout the country, says the Nashville Tennessean.

Through a board of parole, prisoners are allowed certain liberties in accordance with their behavior and their appreciation of freedom allowances. Regular work in factories is secured for a number of prisoners, but they are compelled to return to the workhouse at night. They are required at the end of the week to bring their pay envelopes to the superintendent of the workhouse. The latter summons the prisoner's family and opens the pay envelope with them and the prisoner present. He divides the money as seems best. It is said that this unique system of parole, one prisoner, who is serving a term for non-support, has placed more than \$100 in a savings bank, in addition to taking care of his family and paying his creditors. He still has two months to serve.

The Eternal Struggle.

Everywhere, on every side, one is convinced of the inadequacy of human judgment concerning clothes. One woman said the other day that she was so struck with the failure of others that she rushed into black, which was the most unbecoming thing she could possibly wear; finding this out, she gave up in despair, and remained at home in house gowns for two weeks. She told this to a friend who answered that she had anchored in serene waters at last, for she had taken to heart the remark of her mistress' unmarried condition: "It ain't hard to be an old maid, if you just quit a-strugglin'." She had ceased to struggle with clothes and had taken up more interesting things in life, regardless of her appearance.

Nature Fake.

The story of the tomato plant grafted on to an eggplant and producing a splendid fruit, with a purple skin, deep red meat, few seeds and wonderful flavor, survives and goes the rounds.

This particular nature fake persists because of the lack of horticultural or botanical knowledge. Even Burbank himself could not produce a new fruit by grafting. Such fruits can only be produced by pollinizing. Every school-boy who has studied botany or a primer on farming, which always contains instructions on grafting, knows that the scion or bud, grafting on the root or stock, governs the kind of fruit to be produced. Otherwise, every graft might produce a hybrid or freak. One may graft half a dozen kinds of orange scions on one sour stock, and each scion will invariably produce its own kind of orange, and not a cross of the tree from which the scion was cut.

He's the Wittiest Student.

Edward Marshall Maslin is announced to be the wittiest student of the University of California, and has been awarded the "Irving prize" for wit and humor" for his essay "On the Futility of Twitching Up One's Trousers to Prevent Bugging at the Knees," and for a group of futurist verses, "songs on serious subjects (in the cubist way)." Maslin is a junior from Watsonville.

For eyes to last a lifetime



All the winter day you look forward to the evening, to serving supper, to seeing the family gathered in the sitting room—father reading, the young ones getting their lessons done, you yourself sewing—all surrounded by a soft flood of light from the beaming lamp on the center table.

That same lamp is important, for upon the light it casts depends the good eyesight of your family. To avoid any possibility of eye strain and the headaches and nervousness that follow, make certain that each room—sitting room, parlor, kitchen—is lighted by Rayo Lamps.

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NOTICE TO TAX-PAYERS

—OF—

St. Georges Hundred

The taxable residents of St. Georges Hundred, and all persons liable to pay tax in said Hundred, are hereby notified that the Taxes for the year 1915 are now due, and the undersigned Tax Collector for said Hundred, will be at

AT E. S. CARPENTER'S STORE, 130 PORT PENN. SATURDAY, FEB. 26th, 1916 From 9 to 11 A. M.

TOWN OFFICE, MIDDLETOWN SATURDAY, FEB. 26th, 1916 From 2 to 5 o'clock P. M.

AT APRIL'S SHOPS IN ODESSA EVERY MONDAY AND WEDNESDAY During FEBRUARY, 1916 From 7 to 12 A. M.

EXTRACT FROM THE LAWS OF DELAWARE, GOVERNING THE COLLECTION OF TAXES OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY, SECTION 3, CHAPTER 30, VOLUME 21, LAWS OF DELAWARE, AS AMENDED:

Section 3.—That on all taxes paid before the first day of October there shall be an abatement of five per centum. On all taxes paid before the first day of December there shall be an abatement of three per centum. On all taxes paid during the month of December there shall be no abatement whatever. And on all taxes unpaid on the first day of January there shall be added one per centum per month until the same shall be paid.

GEORGE E. RHODES, Collector of Taxes for St. Georges Hundred

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ESTATE OF MARGARET S. JOHNSON, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that Letters of Administration upon the Estate of Margaret S. Johnson, late of Blackbird Hundred, deceased, were duly granted unto Harry S. Woodkeeper on the 23rd day of November A. D. 1915, and all persons indebted to the said deceased are requested to make payment to the Administrator without delay, and all persons having demands against the deceased are required to exhibit and present the same duly probated to the said Administrator on or before the 23rd day of November A. D. 1916, or abide by the law in this behalf. Address Martin B. Burris, Esq., Attorney-at-Law, Middletown, Del. HARRY S. WOODKEEPER, Administrator.

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NOTICE—DIVIDEND!

CITIZENS' NATIONAL BANK Middletown, Del., Dec. 24, 1915. The Board of Directors have this day declared a semi-annual dividend of FOUR (4) PER CENT, clear of all Taxes payable to the Stockholders on and after January 15, 1916. JNO. S. CROUCH, Cashier.

JAMES J. ROSS, President. WM. DENNY, Secretary and Treasurer

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—OF—

APPOQUINIMINK HUNDRED

The taxable residents of Appoquinimink Hundred, and all persons liable to pay tax in said Hundred, are hereby notified that the Taxes for the year 1915 are now due, and the undersigned Tax Collector for said Hundred, will be at

AT THE OFFICE OF GEORGE M. D. HART, IN TOWNSEND, DEL. EVERY SATURDAY. During FEBRUARY 1916, From 2 to 5 o'clock, P. M.

Tax bills can be obtained by making personal application to the Collector, or by sending written communication enclosing stamps.

EXTRACT FROM THE LAWS OF DELAWARE, GOVERNING THE COLLECTION OF TAXES OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY:

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W. S. MONEY, Collector of Taxes for Appoquinimink Hundred

NOTICE TO TAX-PAYERS

—OF—

Blackbird Hundred!

The taxable residents of Blackbird Hundred, and all persons liable to pay tax in said Hundred, are hereby notified that the Taxes for the year 1915 are now due, and the undersigned Tax Collector for said Hundred, will be at

S. A. DAVID'S RESIDENCE, FOREST, DEL. WEDNESDAY, FEB. 23d, 1916 From 1 to 3 P. M.

AT BLACKBIRD, SATURDAY, FEB. 26th, 1916 From 1 to 3 P. M.

Tax bills can be obtained by making personal application to the Collector, or by sending written communication enclosing stamps.

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HARRY S. WOODKEEPER, Collector of Taxes for Blackbird Hundred

The Transcript, \$1.00

PENINSULA PARAGRAPHS

The grounds of the Seaford Gun Club are being put in condition for a shoot soon.

Seaford capitalists are planning to erect a theatre with a seating capacity of 700.

The Delaware Automobile Association is campaigning to increase its membership to 1000.

About \$30,000 has been subscribed to a series of stock of the Laurel Building and Loan Association.

Colonel Benjamin Nields has been elected president of the Security Trust and Safe Deposit Company.

The first herring of the season were caught by Clarence Jester in a net in the Nanticoke river, Sunday.

The Seaford News has changed the time of its appearance, from Friday afternoon to Saturday morning.

According to the report of the superintendent, there are 431 inmates of the State Hospital for the Insane at Farnhurst.

A recruiting office has been open at the Dover Post Office this week for the purpose of recruiting men for the U. S. Navy.

The annual dinner of the Delaware Automobile Association was held Monday evening, in the Hotel duPont, at Wilmington.

William Tinsman, of Richardson Park, has announced himself as a candidate for the Republican nomination for State Senator.

The stockholders of the People's Bank of Harrington, so enjoyed a dinner last week that they have decided to make it an annual affair.

One hundred and ninety-one boys and 102 girls have been enrolled at the Chesapeake City school, during the present school year, a total of 233.

Clinton Dawson, a track walker on the Pennsylvania Railroad, at Bridgeville, claims to have walked 22,280 miles in his nine years' service.

An effort is being made to secure transportation from Chesapeake City to Elkton, for employees in the hosiery mill at Elkton living in Chesapeake City.

The annual banquet of Delaware College Alumni will not be held in February this year but in June, at the time the cornerstone of the new science building is laid.

If there is a chance to boom business boom it. Don't put on a long face and look as though you had a stomach ache. Hold up your head, smile and look for better things.

Hon. L. Irving Handy will be the principal speaker at the annual banquet of Jefferson Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Lewes, on Washington's birthday celebration, February 23.

The Trustees of the Poor of Kent County elected Benjamin C. Collins, Smyrna, president; William B. Hall, Milford, Secretary; and Frank E. Maloney, superintendent.

Charles H. Butler, of Dover, in collecting the eggs from his hens' nests found one which measured 7 1/2 inches around the centre and weighed 5 ounces. It was laid by a Plymouth Rock.

The police force of Milford for the month of January made 33 arrests, from which fines were paid into the treasury amounting to more than \$100; and a number are doing time in jail.

Charged with attempting to kill Robert W. Lightcap, of Delaware, George Hewitt, Sr., aged 65, was placed under arrest at the home of his son, near Church Hill, and volunteered to return to Delaware for trial.

When a stranger drops in town, jolly him. Tell him this is a great little city and so it is. Don't discourage him by speaking of your neighbors. Lead him to believe he has at last struck a place where good people live.

The W. C. T. U. of Kent and Sussex Counties held a conference in the M. P. Church at Harrington recently. The meeting was large, and enthusiastic, and white ribbons from all parts of both counties were present.

In harmony with the preparedness movement advocated by President Wilson, a Citizens' Soldier League is under way at Dover, with H. Ridgely Harrington as temporary president.

A meeting of the farmers and other business men interested in a one day's Farmers' Institute, to be held in Masonic Hall, Chesapeake City, February 25, from 1 to 4 p. m., was held in the Fire House in that town on Saturday.

Harry Hankin, of Lewes, who was appointed a member of the general committee to raise funds for the Jewish war sufferers, made a canvas of Lewes last Thursday and collected over \$40.00. More than \$3,000 was raised in the State.

The trustees of the Milford Emergency Hospital met at the First National Bank last Friday, and authorized the use of part of the interest money which has accrued from deposits on contributions which have been given to that institution for the purchase of needed equipment.

Nearly fifty members of Central Lodge, No. 10, K. of P., of Dover, participated in the celebration of the forty-seventh anniversary of that lodge, which was held on Monday evening, and the affair was one of the most pleasing events of the kind that has been held in Dover for a long while. Interesting addresses were made by several members, and a general spirit of good fellowship prevailed during the evening.

T. P. Wilson, a farmer living near Milford, has just butchered a hog that

was something of a curiosity, having a full set of five toes on each front foot, instead of the usual two; in fact two feet on each front leg. Otherwise the animal was normal. Wilson says that after he butchered the hog he was told that he could have received a fine price for it from a circus traveling agent who makes his home in Milford during the winter months.

The police are investigating the hold-up and robbery of an Italian in New Castle Saturday morning. The victim is a resident of Dobbinsville and had been at a party in Shawtown. He got ready to go home about 5 o'clock and when he reached a point on Eighth Street near the American Manganese Steel Company's plant he was knocked down, beaten and robbed of \$20. He told Officer Lewis that he could identify the man who robbed him.

Richard F. Cross, chief warden at the County Workhouse, reported Monday that the new truck for the workhouse arrived on Friday. The truck will carry two tons and will be used in taking the prisoners to the new farms belonging to the trustees of the workhouse. It will also be used in hauling products from the farms to the workhouse, and at times may be used to convey the prisoners to the County Court House during the session of Court.

A colored man entered the laundry of Charley Young, a Chinaman of Delaware City early Sunday morning. While in the room of the Chinaman, Young grappled with the intruder and pushed him into an adjoining room and then locked him in the room. He sought aid but on returning discovered that the colored man had disappeared by jumping from the second story window. The authorities are working on the case and an early arrest is expected.

The Treasury Department has sent out warning to merchants and banks to be on the watch for a counterfeit \$10 bill which is in circulation. The bill is printed from a photo-etched plate on two pieces of paper, between which silk threads have been distributed. The note feels thick and is a quarter of an inch longer than a genuine note. The face is well executed, but the back is rather crude. As far as is known none of the notes have gotten into circulation here.

Public Sale

The undersigned intending to discontinue farming, will sell at Public Sale on the "Parvis Farm", on the road leading from Jamison's Corner to St. Georges on

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 23, '16

At 10 o'clock, A. M., the following described personal property:

15 HEAD OF Horses, Colts & Mules

No. 1. MOLLIE, sorrel mare, 6 years old, a good worker.
No. 2. DIA OND gray horse, 8 years old, as good as lives. I can't say to much for him.
No. 3. MOSE, a dark iron gray, 6 years old. He is a own brother to No. 2, and he is just as good as he looks.
No. 4. JEFF, sorrel colt, 2 years old, and he is a chunk.
No. 5. FLORA, bay colt, 2 years old, and she is a nice one.
No. 6. JEANETTE, bay colt, 2 years old, I think if any body wants a driver, she is one.
No. 7. DICK, gray horse.
No. 8. KATE, sorrel mare, and if anybody wants a good driver cheap, come and look her over.
No. 9. FANNIE, bay mare, 8 years old, a good work mare and safe for a lady to drive.
No. 10. MOLLIE, bay colt, 3 years old, and she is a nice little mare.
Nos. 11 and 12. MAY & MAUD, black mare mules, 8 years old, there is no better team for their size in the State.
Nos. 13 and 14. JACK & JENNIE, black and bay mules, 6 and 7 years old. Nice team to go on any farm.
No. 15. BECK, odd mule, 6 years old. She looks good to me, come and look at her.

Cattle

Twenty head of cattle. Some of these cows are as good as any man wants. Some are fresh, some are close springers.

HOGS

Five nice shoats, will weigh 100 lbs. a piece. 7 nice pigs.

HARNESS

Two sets of wagon harness, 2 sets of carriage harness, lots of plow harness, 10 bridles, 10 collars.

Farming Implements Etc.

Two farm wagons, one is good as new; 1 dearborn, nearly new; one Deer. binder, in good shape; one mower, in good order; one corn planter, Deere make, in good order; one Clark cutaway harrow, 3 wheel harrows, one good as new; 2 No. 40 Oliver plows, 2 walking harrows 2 rakes, 1 3-horse drill, Bickford & Hoffman make, in good shape; 1 yolk carriage, 1 Dearborn pole, 1 carriage pole, 2 hay riggins in good shape; 1 farm bell, 1 set of horse clippers, 1 tomato rack with springs, one sulkey fit any plow. Lots of things not herein mentioned.

Terms of Sale

All sums of \$20 and under the cash will be required; over that amount a credit of nine months will be given by purchaser giving bankable note with approved endorser. Interest added from day of sale. No goods to be removed until terms are complied with.

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D. P. HUTCHISON, Auc.

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DENTIST

MIDDLETOWN, DEL.

(Office of the late Dr. Stites)

The Transcript \$1.00

SHERIFF'S SALES

SHERIFF'S SALE—BY VIRTUE OF a writ of Vend Exp. to me directed, will be exposed to Public Sale at the Court House on Market street, between Tenth and Eleventh streets, in the city of Wilmington, New Castle county, Delaware.

ON SATURDAY, THE 12TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1916

At 10 o'clock A. M.,

the following described Real Estate, viz: All that certain lot, piece or parcel of land with the buildings thereon erected, situate in the city of Wilmington, county of New Castle and State of Delaware, bounded and described as follows, to-wit:

BEGINNING on the southerly side of Sixteenth street (said Sixteenth street having been formerly known as Fifteenth street) at the distance of three hundred and sixty-five feet, easterly from the easterly side of Claymont street; thence southerly, parallel with Claymont street, eighty-six feet to a point; thence easterly parallel with Sixteenth street, one hundred and thirty feet, more or less, to the northwesterly side of Railroad avenue (laid out at thirty feet wide and parallel with the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore Railroad); thence northerly easterly ninety-six feet three inches, more or less, to the southerly side of Sixteenth street aforesaid, and thence thence westerly, one hundred and seventy-three feet nine inches, more or less, to the place of beginning, be the contents thereof what they may.

All that certain lot, piece or parcel of land situate in the city of Wilmington, county of New Castle and State of Delaware, bounded and described as follows, to-wit:

BEGINNING at a point on the easterly side of Sixth avenue, at the distance of one hundred and twenty feet from the northerly side of Coleman street; thence easterly and parallel with Coleman street, eighty feet to a corner; thence northerly and parallel with Sixth avenue, twenty feet to a corner; thence easterly, and parallel with the first described line eighty feet to the aforesaid side of Sixth avenue, and thence thence southerly twenty feet to the place of beginning, be the contents thereof what they may.

All that certain lot, piece or parcel of land with the buildings thereon erected, situate in the city of Wilmington, county of New Castle and State of Delaware, bounded and described as follows, to-wit:

BEGINNING at a point on the westerly side of Harrison street, at the distance of nineteen feet eight inches southerly from the southerly side of Lancaster avenue; thence southerly along said side of Harrison street, thirty-four feet four inches to a corner; thence westerly, parallel with Lancaster avenue and heading the head of a three feet wide alley opening into Read street fifty-eight feet to a corner in other lands of the said John P. Reardon; thence thence northerly, parallel with Harrison street thirty-four feet four inches to a corner, and thence easterly, parallel with Lancaster avenue, fifty-eight feet to the place of beginning, be the contents thereof what they may, with the free use and privilege of said alley in common with others entitled thereto forever.

All that certain lot, piece or parcel of land with the buildings thereon erected, situate in the city of Wilmington, county of New Castle and State of Delaware, bounded and described as follows, to-wit:

BEGINNING at a point on the westerly side of Sixth avenue, at the distance of one hundred and twenty feet southerly from the southerly side of Anchorage street; thence westerly and parallel with Anchorage street one hundred feet to a point; thence southerly, and parallel with Sixth avenue, twenty feet to another point thence easterly and parallel with Anchorage street, one hundred feet to a point on the said westerly side of Sixth avenue and thence thence northerly, twenty feet to the place of beginning.

All that certain lot, piece or parcel of land with the buildings thereon erected, situate in the city of Wilmington, county of New Castle and State of Delaware, bounded and described as follows, to-wit: BEGINNING at a point on the northerly side of Read street at the distance of fifty-eight feet westerly from the westerly side of Harrison street; thence northerly and parallel with Harrison street, seventy feet to a point; thence westerly, and parallel with Read street, forty-two feet to a point; thence southerly and parallel with Harrison street, seventy feet to the said northerly side of Read street, and thence thence easterly forty-two feet to the place of beginning. With the right to the use and privilege of a certain three feet wide alley lying on the easterly side of said lot and opening into Read street connecting with another three feet wide alley opening into Harrison street.

All that certain lot, piece or parcel of land with the buildings thereon erected, and known as No. 7 Shipley street, situate in the city of Wilmington, aforesaid, county of New Castle and State of Delaware, bounded and described as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at a point on the westerly side of Shipley street at the distance of ninety-four feet and five inches from the northerly side of Eighth street; thence westerly, parallel with Eighth street passing through the middle of the wall dividing this house from the house on the lot adjoining on the south, one hundred feet to the side of an alley four feet and nine inches wide; thence northerly by said alley side and parallel with Shipley street fifteen feet two inches to a corner; thence easterly, parallel with Eighth street passing through the middle of a wall dividing this house from the house on the lot adjoining on the north, one hundred feet to the said westerly side of Shipley street, and thence thence southerly fifteen feet two inches to the place of beginning, be the contents thereof what they may. With the free and uninterrupted use, liberty and privilege of and passage in and along said alley running parallel with Shipley street and also another alley four feet and nine inches wide leading from the same and running parallel with Eighth street and opening into Orange street, in common with the owners and occupiers of the lots adjoining the first mentioned alley and binding on the easterly side thereof.

All that certain lot, piece or parcel of land within the city of Wilmington, county of New Castle and State of Delaware, known as lot No. 90 on a plot of the Price property, bounded and described as follows, to-wit:

BEGINNING at the corner formed by the intersection of the northwesterly side of Carter street with the northerly side of Twenty-third street; thence northerly along said side of Twenty-third street, eighty feet to a corner; thence northerly, parallel with Carter street, eighteen feet to another corner; thence southerly, parallel with Twenty-third street, eighty feet to a point on the northwesterly side of Carter street and thence thence

SHERIFF'S SALES

southwesterly eighteen feet to the place of beginning, be the contents thereof what they may.

All that certain lot, piece or parcel of land, situate in the city of Wilmington, county of New Castle and State of Delaware, bounded and described as follows, to-wit:

BEGINNING at a point on the southwesterly side of Twenty-third street, at the distance of one hundred and fifty feet from the northwesterly side of the westerly side of Lamotte street; thence southwesterly and parallel with Twenty-third street forty-five feet to a corner; thence northwesterly and parallel with Lamotte street, seventy-five feet to a point in the southwesterly side of Twenty-third street, and thence thence southerly forty-five feet to the place of beginning, be the contents thereof what they may.

All that certain lot, piece or parcel of land situate in the city of Wilmington, county of New Castle and State of Delaware, bounded and described as follows, to-wit:

BEGINNING at a point on the southwesterly side of Twenty-third street at the distance of two hundred and twenty-seven feet northwesterly from the westerly side of Lamotte street; thence southwesterly and parallel with Lamotte street, seventy-five feet to a corner; thence northerly and parallel with Twenty-third street, seventy-five feet to a point in the southwesterly side of Twenty-third street, and thence thence southerly thirty feet to the place of beginning, be the contents thereof what they may.

All that certain lot, piece or parcel of land situate in the city of Wilmington, county of New Castle and State of Delaware, bounded and described as follows, to-wit:

BEGINNING at a point on the southwesterly side of Twenty-third street, at the distance of two hundred and eighty-seven feet northwesterly from the northwesterly side of Lamotte street; thence southwesterly and parallel with Lamotte street, seventy-five feet to a corner; thence northerly and parallel with Twenty-third street, fifteen feet to a corner; thence northerly and parallel with Lamotte street, seventy-five feet to a point in the said southwesterly side of Twenty-third street, and thence thence southerly fifteen feet to the place of beginning, be the contents thereof what they may.

All that certain lot, piece or parcel of land situate in the city of Wilmington, county of New Castle and State of Delaware, bounded and described as follows, to-wit:

BEGINNING at a point on the southwesterly side of Twenty-third street at the distance of two hundred and ten feet southeasterly from the southerly side of Market street; thence southwesterly at right angles with Twenty-third street, and parallel with Lamotte street, seventy-five feet to a corner; thence southeasterly, parallel with Twenty-third street, thirty feet to a corner; thence northerly, parallel with Lamotte street, seventy-five feet to a point in the said southwesterly side of Twenty-third street, and thence, thence northerly, thirty feet to the place of beginning, be the contents thereof what they may.

Seized and taken in execution as the property of John P. Reardon, and to be sold by

HARRY J. STIDHAM, Sheriff.

Sheriff's Office, Wilmington, Del., Jan. 26, 1916.



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Everything found in an up-to-

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Middletown, Delaware

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It only remains with you to decide the colors you want. Our carpets and rugs are famous for their beauty, because we buy only the richest patterns, and also take the greatest care to keep in stock only those goods that have proven their durability. Come in and see them. You are bound to be pleased.

J. H. EMERSON

Middletown, Delaware

Notice!

1916 DOG TAGS

Are now on sale at

THE TOWN OFFICE.

D. W. STEVENS, Clerk.



WHEN THE WAITER BRINGS

in your order, and puts it upon the table, are you sure it will please you; will the food be good and cooked to your liking? We need not ask this question if you patronize our restaurant for our patrons tell us we give the best meals in town. Come in and prove this to be true.

THE WHITE CAFE

MIDDLETOWN, DEL.

Ordinance!

BE IT ORDAINED, That all property holders or persons occupying property in this town, shall keep the sidewalks free from all obstructions, and on the falling of any snow, shall have it removed within six hours from the time of its ceasing to fall, except when the snow ceases to fall between the setting and rising of the sun, in that case the snow must be removed by 10 o'clock A. M., on the next morning, under a penalty of one dollar and costs, for each and every offence.

N. B.—When according to the above article, the cleaning of the sidewalks, would fall on Sunday, in that case the property holders or those occupying the property, shall be excused from said cleaning until the following day.

By Order of THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWN OF MIDDLETOWN.

Jan. 18th, 1916.

P. S.—The Ordinance will be enforced to the limit.

Farms for Sale!

450 acres.....	\$22,000 00
350 acres.....	20,000 00
311 a. res.....	18,500 00
165 acres.....	15,000 00
387 acres.....	15,000 00
291 acres.....	12,000 00
172 acres.....	10,000 00
41 acres.....	7,200 00
120 acres.....	6,000 00
80 acres.....	4,000 00
16 acres.....	850 00
100 acres.....	7,300 00
165 acres.....	14,000 00
200 acres.....	11,500 00
110 acres.....	9,500 00
110 acres.....	5,750 00
300 acres.....	16,000 00
123 acres.....	10,000 00
132 acres.....	6,500 00

Also several Town Properties.

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North Broad St. Middletown, Del.

Shoe Repairing

I have purchased a new electric machine for finishing my work, which enables me to turn out all work in the shortest possible time, and the finish is far superior to hand-finished work.

L. FROMKIN

Kates' old stand, East Main St.

MIDDLETOWN, DEL.

NOTICE

Having removed and overhauled the old Shallcross Mill, near McDonough, we are in a position to do all kinds of milling work, Satisfaction guaranteed. Come and give us a trial and be convinced that you can get the best flour and finest meal and ground feed at Shallcross Mills. Thanking you for past favors and trusting that we may have a continuance of the same, We beg to remain,

Yours respt.,

Shallcross & Klotzbecher

"Pure Food Store"

The Place to find Quality and Prices right. So, just come in and fill your basket with these Bargains. These Prices are just for one week. Don't miss them.

Climax Soap, 5c a bar, now 7 bars for 25c. Household Amonia, 5c a bottle, now 6 bottles for 25c, or 3 10c bottles for 25c. This amonia is put up under our own label by Clawson & Co., you know the standard of their goods.

3 10c cans of The Franco American Food Co's Ready-made Soup for 25c. These goods are fine, we just want to get them before the Public. They are made from selected ingredients, and prepared in a kitchen, that is a model of cleanliness.

New crop of white beans, hand-picked, at 9c a lb. New Lima Beans at 8c a lb. New Black eyed Peas at 7c a lb. New Hominy at 4c a lb. New Buckwheat Flour, the kind you like, try it, at 4 1/2c a lb.

Don't forget our large assortment of fresh Fruits and vegetables.

Have you tried a pound of Creamo Butterine, churned in fresh cream at 25c a lb.

Stop in and give your orders or call Phone No. 60.

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General Merchandise and Pure Food Store

Phone No. 60 Middletown, Del.

Valuable Stock Farm for Sale Cheap

375 Acres, on road from Mc Donough to Port Penn. This farm has splendid dwelling in excellent condition, and large outbuildings in excellent repair. This farm will keep 100 head of Cattle and as many sheep. One of the best grass farms in the county, and grows fine crops of wheat and corn. It has 20 acres of meadow land, if trucked properly will pay for the farm in 6 years. The price is only \$15,000 just \$40 per acre with fine roads to railroad, Middletown or Wilmington. Only one person can buy this great bargain, so get busy and see me quick.

E. H. Beck

Middletown, Delaware.

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Capital, \$600,000. Surplus, \$700,000.

Our Trust Certificates of Deposit are an Excellent Investment as good as Paid-up Life Insurance Policies. They are issued in denominations of \$100, \$200, \$500 and \$1,000 and bear 4 per cent. interest. These Certificates have Coupons attached, representing the interest, which can be cut off every six months, and on presentation will be paid by the Company.

Officers:

Benj. Nields, Pres. L. Scott Townsend, Vice-Pres.

John S. Russell, Vice-Pres. Harry J. Ellison, Secy.

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BEGIN HOT WATER DRINKING IF YOU DON'T FEEL RIGHT

Says glass of hot water with phosphate before breakfast washes out poisons.

If you wake up with a bad taste, bad breath and tongue is coated; if your head is dull or aching; if what you eat sours and forms gas and acid in stomach, or you are bilious, constipated, nervous, sallow and can't get feeling just right, begin drinking phosphated hot water. Drink before breakfast, a glass of real hot water with a teaspoonful of limestone phosphate in it. This will flush the poisons and toxins from stomach, liver, kidneys and bowels and cleanse, sweeten and purify the entire alimentary tract. Do your inside bathing immediately upon arising in the morning to wash out of the system all the previous day's poisonous waste, gases and sour bile before putting more food into the stomach.

To feel like young folks feel; like you felt before your blood, nerves and muscles became loaded with body impurities, get from your druggist or storekeeper a quarter pound of limestone phosphate which is inexpensive and almost tasteless, except for a sourish tinge which is not unpleasant. Just as soap and hot water act on the skin, cleansing, sweetening and freshening, so hot water and limestone phosphate act on the stomach, liver, kidneys and bowels. Men and women who are usually constipated, bilious, headachy or have any stomach disorder should begin this inside bathing before breakfast. They are assured they will become real cranks on the subject shortly.—Adv.

Just a Suggestion.

"I'm still waiting for you to pay me that \$5 you owe me, Dobson."
"Oh, don't let that worry you."
"That's what I'm trying to do, but I would feel greatly encouraged if you would let it worry you occasionally."

QUIT MEAT IF KIDNEYS BOTHER AND USE SALTS

Take a Glass of Salts Before Breakfast if Your Back is Hurting or Bladder is Irritated.

If you must have your meat every day, eat it, but flush your kidneys with salts occasionally, says a noted authority who tells us that meat forms uric acid which almost paralyzes the kidneys in their efforts to expel it from the blood. They become sluggish and weaken, then you suffer with a dull misery in the kidney region, sharp pains in the back or sick headache, dizziness, your stomach sours, tongue is coated and when the weather is bad you have rheumatic twinges. The urine gets cloudy, full of sediment, the channels often get sore and irritated, obliging you to seek relief two or three times during the night.

To neutralize these irritating acids, to cleanse the kidneys and flush out the body's urinous waste get four ounces of Jad Salts from any pharmacy here; take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast for a few days and your kidneys will then act fine. This famous salt is made from the acids of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and has been used for generations to flush and stimulate sluggish kidneys, also to neutralize the acids in urine, so it no longer irritates, thus ending bladder weakness.

Jad Salts is inexpensive; cannot injure, and makes a delightful effervescent lithia-water drink.—Adv.

How He Enjoyed It.
"How do you enjoy your motor-cycle?"

"Fine! All I need is a coat of tar and feathers to feel like a bird."

"CASCARETS" ACT ON LIVER; BOWELS

No sick headache, biliousness, bad taste or constipation by morning.

Get a 10-cent box.

Are you keeping your bowels, liver, and stomach clean, pure and fresh with Cascarets, or merely forcing a passageway every few days with Salts, Cathartic Pills, Castor Oil or Purgative Waters?

Stop having a bowel wash-day. Let Cascarets thoroughly cleanse and regulate the stomach, remove the sour and fermenting food and foul gases, take the excess bile from the liver and carry out of the system all the constipated waste matter and poisons in the bowels.

A Cascaret to-night will make you feel great by morning. They work while you sleep—never gripe, sicken or cause any inconvenience, and cost only 10 cents a box from your store. Millions of men and women take a Cascaret now and then and never have Headache, Biliousness, Coated Tongue, Indigestion, Sour Stomach or Constipation. Adv.

Unkind.

"A penny for your thoughts."
"Could you pay cash if I accepted your offer?"

Use Murine after Exposure to Cold, Cutting Winds and Dust. It Restores, Refreshes and Promotes Eye Health. Good for all Eyes that Need Care. Murine Eye Remedy Co., Chicago. Send Eye Book on request.

Sand is a very useful thing on the beach, but it's the dickens in your eye.

To keep clean and healthy take Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets. They regulate liver, bowels and stomach.—Adv.

If fortune's wheel doesn't turn to suit you, put your shoulder to it and give it another whirl.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN



For he, to whom we had applied
Our shopman's test of age and worth,
Was elemental when he died,
As he was ancient at his birth;

The saddest among kings of earth,
Bowed with a galling crown, this man
Met rancor with a cryptic mirth,
Laconic—and Olympian.

E. A. Robinson.

LINCOLN, MAN OF THE PEOPLE

Many Reasons Why He Has Justly Been Given the Title of Typical American.

Firm Believer Always in the Concept of Democracy Which Is the Foundation of Our Nation—His Many High Qualities Worthy of Emulation.

TO save Abraham Lincoln from deathly apoplexy of the steel engraving has been a laudable effort of recent years. Of course it will not prevent the process of legend making which works upon the earthly reality of every great man, and in due time leaves him a dedicated abstraction existing for the heavy boredom of childhood. Even Lincoln, with his vital, homely outlines, his intimate, endearing faults, and strong flavor of his day, must come to this turn.

One hundred and seven years ago Lincoln was born. Fifty-one years ago he was shot by John Wilkes Booth, and on the next day he died, the first "martyred president." A great wave of passionate sorrow, gratitude and affection swept the North. The process of apotheosis began. Today it may be observed in the sanctified generalities of Lincoln orations, editorials, poems and articles.

Moved by Flattery.

The central idea of the overwhelming majority of these tributes is Lincoln, the man of the people, the typical American. Year after year on February 12 and frequently throughout the year we hear this confident summary and without examining it. Is this mental inertia or are we unconsciously moved by the flattery implicit in this idea? An editorial in the New Republic suggests the latter. The real purpose of Lincoln-day speakers is not so much to eulogize Lincoln, this journal declares, as to flatter the audience.

New View of Great President.

The reproach has more of justice than we like to think. The orator is the courtier of democracy flattery the sovereign citizen as grossly as ever an emperor was flattered. The flattery of indirect praise is unusually delicate and insidious, and it is well for us to examine it coolly. The New Republic puts it sharply away. "In point of fact Mr. Lincoln was superficially a man of the people, and fundamentally a unique, distinguished and wholly exceptional individual. In certain salient respects he was the least typical of Americans. Americans, particularly those of Lincoln's own generation and neighborhood, were essentially active, aggressive and objective men, whose lives were given over to practical external affairs, who subordinated everything else to the demands of practical achievement, and whose individuality consisted in living ordinary lives in an extraordinarily energetic manner. They were superficial, discursive, easy-going, quarrel-

some, and wholly incapable of preparing in advance for any task or responsibility. In all these respects Lincoln differed from his fellow countrymen, and upon these differences his eminence depends. He was not particularly ambitious, aggressive or practical. In spite of his lively social feelings, he lived a contemplative life, in which the intellectual interest obtained full expression and which attained a high degree of internal concentration. He fought hard and well, but he never quarreled. During his formative years he quietly but unostentatiously prepared himself for great enterprises. He trained his mind because he enjoyed hard intellectual exertion. His style shaped itself under the influence of the Bible and Shakespeare. Thus at a period and in a country favorable to the cheap performance and the easy victory, Mr. Lincoln tempered his reason and his spirit for a great performance and a costly victory. Was there anything typically American about that?"

Idea Worth Consideration.

This is refreshing variation from the "canned eloquence" of the Lincoln utterance, and it will repay consideration and emphasis, since we are very like our forbears as to just the defects the New Republic here pungently outlines. If we thought more of Lincoln's extraordinary disinterestedness, of his heroic patience, of his deeply brooding spirit, and less of those qualities with which we establish all too readily a rough resemblance to our daily selves, we might get a wholesome and much-needed reaction from our rattling, self-satisfied and shallow life without losing our sense of his reality as a human being having human weaknesses. Especially keen is the thrust delivered at our tendency to the cheap performance and the easy victory." and its contrast with Lincoln's tempting reason and spirit "for a great performance and a costly victory."

No great victory was ever purchased cheaply. It has always been paid for in long and costly, though often unconscious preparation. Our national optimism, our impatience and superficiality obscure that truth.

As Typical American.

But, after all, in the legend we are making of Lincoln as typical American there is an instinct and a truth that are not superficial. All legend making is a profound process of national self-realization, an intuitive incarnation of national ideals, and in the case of Lincoln it is based upon the sincere, the religious, the democratic of this great man. Thus high distinction of mind, as shown, for example, in the prose of the Gettysburg oration, the moral nobility, the introspective aloofness which were an essential part of him, only accentuate for us the warm nearness of his nature to the common man and the common life. Lincoln himself held to the mystical conception of democracy which Whitman expressed in his poetry and which is the dream in the heart of Americanism.

The essential brotherhood of man was an intimate and glowing reality to Lincoln, not a lofty abstraction, and though we betray it and misread it we must cling to it if we are to save the national soul.

Idealizing ourselves through Lincoln is more than self-flattery. It is a crude but not ignoble effort to express the deepest and most pervasive element of American idealism.

LINCOLN AS ARTIST

Must Be Accorded That Distinction in Addition to That of Statesman.

WE know that both in youth and in age, Lincoln was a great reader of Shakespeare. Probably that wide and ardent spirit, dreaming at large upon the full possibilities of life, dreamed at times of doing something of the work that Shakespeare did, of reflecting the manifold humanity of America in imperishable verse. If so, the dreams were lightly discarded, and Lincoln as a writer contented himself with putting the weighty needs of every day into language of firm texture, and when he willed, of high immortal eloquence.

But Lincoln had a kinship with Shakespeare, the supreme artist, in far deeper ways than in the mere mastery of words. He saw life on the high plane of eternity, as Shakespeare saw it and as every true artist sees it.

From this poetical temperament came Lincoln's melancholy. He accepted the hard facts of life as calmly as any man, and fought meanness and greed and sly cunning and open baseness, as if victory over them were all he cared for. Yet at the same time, with the poet's sense of things beyond, he saw not only the patness of defeat, but the patness of present victory compared with the years before and the years after, and the vast uncertainty of the destinies of men. Who has known this melancholy and expressed it better than Shakespeare?

From his poetical temperament, again, came Lincoln's humor, so close to Shakespeare's. It is world removed from the noisy clatter of trivial laughter. Lincoln was no laughter, and we are sure that Shakespeare was not. Just as the sense of the groping mystery of things breeds sadness in its pathetic aspect, so the contrast between the huge eagerness of men and their pitiful accomplishment breeds a smile, not of mockery or scorn, but of the tenderest pity and kindness.

Finally, Shakespeare's supreme greatness as an artist was in his comprehension—by loving sympathy—of the hearts of men, of all men. Was not that Lincoln's greatness, too? Shakespeare used his gift to create men and women who can never die. Lincoln used his to play like a great master on instruments so different as Seward and Chase and Stanton, as McClellan and Hooker and Sherman and Grant, and by his genius reunited a nation that as long as it lives, will remember him.

The chief fruitfulness of this point of view is that it brings out clearly the distinction between Lincoln and even the greatest of his contemporaries, say Seward and Grant in the North, and Lee and Davis in the South. They were all practical men, men absorbed in the immense affairs in which they were engaged. They did not look above or beyond them. Lincoln did. He had not only a profound intelligence; he had a splendid imagination. He was not only a great statesman; he was a great artist.—From the Youth's Companion.

STATE NEWS BRIEFLY TOLD

Latest Happenings Gleaned From All Over the State.

LIVE NOTES AND COMMENTS

J. King, of Baltimore, was fined \$75 and costs at Elkton for practicing optometry without a license.

The United States Senate confirmed J. V. Sweeney as postmaster at Hagerstown.

Fire destroyed the barn of Andrew Zimmerman, near Cearfoss, Washington county.

Fifteen Baltimoreans and Washingtonians were arrested in Hyattsville for alleged violations of the automobile laws.

One man was killed and two injured, one perhaps fatally, when a Washington automobile crashed into a tree on the Baltimore Turnpike, near Bladensburg.

Jeremiah Fisher, 77 years old, died at Deerfield, his wife, Mrs. Sallie Fisher, having died of pneumonia the day before. Her husband was critically ill when she died, being delirious, and was never told of her death.

The Mayor and Council of Hagerstown have approved a bill, drafted by City Attorney Alexander R. Hagner, to be introduced into the Legislature creating a city park commission of five members, three to serve two years and two to serve three years without pay.

Over 200 members of the local granges in Montgomery, Prince George's and Howard counties attended the meeting of the Pomona Grange, which was held in the Highland lyceum, Howard county, under the auspices of the Patuxent Grange. After the regular business of the grangers, a resolution was passed urging the adoption of the land title registrative system that would furnish a sound basis for rural credits.

Robert Wilson, 19 years old, died at his home in Havre de Grace from injuries received when he was thrown on a rock from a sled on which he had been coasting. Other boys in the party at first paid no attention when young Wilson did not rise from the ground after his mishap. But finally, becoming alarmed, they rushed to the spot and, noticing that he was unconscious, hurried him to the office of a physician, where he died almost on arrival.

A meeting was held at the court-house in Belair for the purpose of organizing a branch of the Maryland League for National Defense. Three ministers of the county made speeches advocating preparedness, and a resolution to be sent to the Maryland congressmen asking them to support the program for national preparedness was adopted. A committee of seven was named to arrange for a mass meeting in Belair. Those who came from Baltimore included Francis M. Jencks, chairman of the committee; H. Findlay French, secretary of the league; Dr. John H. Latane, Thomas F. Cadwallader and G. T. O'Hollyday.

A number of representative citizens and large taxpayers of the Second, Third and Fourth districts of Caroline county met the Board of County Commissioners, School Commissioners and two of Caroline's representatives in the Assembly of Maryland and requested that means be provided for the erection of new school buildings at Denton, Preston and Greensboro as early as possible to relieve the crowded condition of the schools in those towns. By a majority of those present a bond issue was regarded as the least burdensome of the taxpayers and the best way to provide the funds required for the purpose.

HITS AT DIVORCEES.

Senator Williams introduced by request, a bill which if passed will render it more difficult for divorcees and minors to obtain marriage licenses. The existing law is so changed as to compel the applicants to appear in person and if divorcees to state the date of the decree, the cause of same and the court by which the decree was passed. It also raised the age of the girl who may ask for a license without parental consent from 16 to 18 years.

KENT ROAD ENGINEER.

A bill introduced by Mr. Urie, to abolish the position of road engineer for Kent county, came up in the house as a special order. A prospective fight on the proposition brought former State Senator W. W. Beck, State's Attorney Vickers and other Democratic leaders of the county, who are opposed to the proposed abolition of the office to the scene. The anticipated fight did not take place. An unsuccessful effort to have the bill referred to the Judiciary Committee failed. It was recommended to the Kent delegation for correction of errors.

During the war members of the English Royal Flying Corps have flown a distance approximately equal to four times around the world.

A Minneapolis music professor has earned the Kaiser's iron cross by playing a piano on a motor-truck at the front.

Millions of bad eggs are seized every year in London, and the way they are destroyed is to tip them out of their cases and run a steam roller over them.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

DEPOSITORY BONDS.

Senator Frick introduced a bill which, if enacted into law, will require the banks to furnish depository bonds to guarantee the safety of State deposits. For these bonds they pay one-half per cent. commission. In lieu of these they may hold as collateral United States bonds or State, municipal or county stocks and bonds, which must be registered in the name of the treasurer of the State, but on which they draw interest. It is claimed that by this plan the State would not only be assured the additional interest on deposits, but it opens up a market for State securities.

HOUSE OF CORRECTION.

Mr. Metzger, a member of the Board of Directors of the House of Correction, is preparing a bill to appropriate \$40,000 to make good a deficit in the funds of the institution, due to insufficient appropriations two years ago and to increase expenses. Mr. Metzger will also introduce a bill appropriating \$50,000 for installation of a sewerage system in the institution. He introduced two bills each carrying an appropriation of \$35,000 for the years 1917 and 1918, for the support of the prison. The State now owes the institution \$18,000 because of lack of funds in the State treasury.

IN DEFENSE OF THE COW.

Delegate Shartzer came to the defense of the cow with a bill which would make it obligatory on all hotel, restaurant and boarding house keepers to post a notice in a conspicuous place that oleomargarine and butterine were used in their establishments, if such were the case. Under the provisions of the bill, if a hotel keeper or similar purveyor should fail to post such a notice he would be subject to a fine of not less than \$25 nor more than \$100.

TO WIPE OUT WILSON LAW.

Senator Zihlman, the minority leader, introduced in the Senate a bill to wipe out the remaining vestiges of the Wilson ballot law. He would repeal the provisions in the Elections law under which it is illegal in five South-eastern Maryland counties, Anne Arundel, Prince George's, Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's—to print official sample ballots, and to put the party designation after the names of candidates on the ballots.

CUTS OUT THE REBATE.

A bill introduced by Senator Allen makes it a misdemeanor for a trustee, receiver, guardian, administrator or executor or any auctioneer or any person holding office or employment under the State to receive any rebate or commission on advertisements. The penalty for violation is a fine equal to twice the amount received and for the second offense a forfeiture of authority, license or commission.

DUVAL'S BILL KILLED.

The Senate Committee on Judicial Proceedings made short work of the Duval traders' license bill, which was intended to compel dealers to take out local licenses when they sold goods in the counties of the State. The bill was primarily aimed at Baltimore City. The committee reported the bill unfavorably and the report was adopted without a dissenting vote.

REFERENDUM AGAIN.

Senator Ogden has again introduced his initiative-and-referendum amendment to the Constitution. Two years ago this was so emasculated by the Senate that the initiative was cut out and the referendum was changed materially. Senator Ogden will now try once again to put the original measure across.

SALVAGE CORPS CHARTER.

Mr. Hall introduced a bill to amend the charter of the Fire Insurance Salvage Corps of Baltimore, in order to bestow authority upon the corps to hold property to the value of \$200,000. Under its present charter the corps has power to hold property to the value of \$50,000.

TAX ON FURNITURE.

Two years ago the General Assembly passed a law which raised the exemption of household furniture from taxation to \$500. Senator Archer introduced a bill which brings it back to \$100. In other words, all household goods assessed at more than \$100 is to be taxed if the bill becomes a law.

ASKED TO HEAR SUNDAY.

An invitation was extended to the members of the House of Delegates by Daniel Baker, chairman of the committee arranging the meetings of Evangelist Sunday, to attend the dedication of the new tabernacle in Baltimore on February 27, and to attend subsequent evangelistic services in the tabernacle.

ABOLISHES TAX OFFICES.

In the House Mr. Tydings, of Harford, introduced a bill which abolishes the office of supervisor of assessments for the several counties and the City of Baltimore, which offices were created under the Tax Commission Bill passed by the last Legislature.

GOVERNOR'S RECEPTION.

Governor Harrington announced a reception to the members of the General Assembly at the Executive Mansion on February 16 from 8.30 to 11 P. M.

To Send For Ballots.

The House Committee on Elections, at a meeting, decided to send for the ballots which, it is claimed, were illegally rejected in Hopewell district at the last election, in Harford county. It is contended that if these ballots had been counted Thomas C. Hopkins, Democrat, would have defeated Henry J. Ward, Republican, for the House of Delegates, in the county.

The city of Copenhagen is daily consuming about 25,000 pounds of American salt pork.

FRUIT LAXATIVE FOR SICK CHILD

"California Syrup of Figs" can't harm tender stomach, liver and bowels.

Every mother realizes, after giving her children "California Syrup of Figs" that this is their ideal laxative, because they love its pleasant taste and it thoroughly cleanses the tender little stomach, liver and bowels without gripping.

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Millions of mothers keep "California Syrup of Figs" handy; they know a teaspoonful today saves a sick child tomorrow. Ask at the store for a 50-cent bottle of "California Syrup of Figs," which has directions for babies, children of all ages and grown-ups printed on the bottle. Adv.

Somehow an engaged couple usually thinks that all the insane people are in asylums.

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To Fortify the System Against Grip when Grip is prevalent LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE should be taken, as this combination of Quinine with other ingredients, destroys germs, acts as a Tonic and Laxative and thus keeps the system in condition to withstand Colds, Grip and Influenza. There is only one "BROMO QUININE." B. W. GROVE'S signature on box, etc.

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No Pomp in Switzerland.

How many Englishmen—or, for that matter, how many Swiss living in England—could give offhand the name of the president of the Swiss confederation? In accordance with the Swiss constitution, the head of the state, or the president of the federal council, as he is officially called, only holds office for a year, and is elected every December. The federal assembly has just elected its president for next year. He is M. Camille Decoppet, who received 185 votes out of 188.

Owing to the curious international position of Switzerland and its relations with the belligerent powers, the position might be supposed to be one of considerable importance, but even the Swiss people are apathetic as to who shall occupy it, and they give their chief no state honors whatever. He is accessible to almost anybody, and a British minister at Bern has told how, when he went to visit the president once, the door was opened by his wife, who was busy cooking, while the president was sitting at his desk in his shirt sleeves. Switzerland is a true republic, according to the old and classic ideal—the only one.—Manchester Guardian.

Seemed Longer.

"How long has Colonel Bluegrass been in the city?"

"Oh, about a week."
"Why, he talked to me as if he had been here at least six months."
"You forget. This town is dry."

The oftener a man falls the more he is addicted to the advice-giving habit.

FOOD FACTS

What an M. D. Learned.

A prominent physician down in Georgia went through a food experience which he makes public:

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INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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LESSON FOR FEBRUARY 13

HUMBLED AND EXALTED.

LESSON TEXT—Phil. 2:1-11.
GOLDEN TEXT—For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might become rich.—II Cor. 8:3.

The key word of the first chapter of Philippians is "confidence" (see vv. 6, 14, 25). Paul has confidence in the church at Philippi on account of their spiritual condition (vv. 1, 2), which resulted in fellowship (vv. 3-8) and fruitfulness (vv. 9-13). This confidence inspires boldness and is a source of joy and blessing. Paul's creed is also set forth in chapter 1:5-11. This confidence is in the face of the conflict and suffering which was before them (see 1:27-30).

I. Be of the Same Mind, vv. 1-4. The key word of this chapter is the word "comfort" (vv. 1, 19). The first section might be entitled "The Comfort of Love" (vv. 1-18) and the second section "The Comfort of Knowledge" (vv. 19-30). If there was to be opposition from without certainly the Christians ought to stand together. Paul is urging them to unity in order that it might comfort and console him. He had always rejoiced in this church (1:4), but he desires them to "fill full his joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind." Paul's comfort of love in the disciples he anticipated would be due to their state of mind, which depended upon (a) unity (vv. 1, 2); (b) humility (v. 3); (c) that they might "mind the things of others" (v. 4). Nothing would so comfort and console, or so gladden the heart of Paul as such unity. It was even so with the heart of our Lord (see John 17:21). The words "be of the same mind" do not refer merely to a unity of opinion, but rather to a unity of purpose and affection, literally "being souled together." The word "loving" in the first clause (v. 3), is a strong one. Paul does not want anything to be done through faction, or party spirit, or vainglory. Each one should put the rights of others before those of his own. Furthermore each one should look with interest and favor, not on his own things, but "each also to the things of others," have an equal regard for the interests of others as he would have for his own.

II. Let This Mind . . . Which Was Also in Christ Jesus, vv. 5-8. The second comfort of love was due, not to a unity of mind, but to the standing which Paul and this church had in Christ, due to his (Christ's) standing in God. The words of this passage are among the most wonderful to be found anywhere in the Bible. They contain a statement of the most profound truth and mystery that we have regarding the person of our Lord Jesus Christ. No plummet has sounded their depth, nor rod scaled their height, nor tape measured their breadth. His eternal deity—and on the other hand his amazing self-humiliation—yet these facts and truths are brought before us to enforce the homeliest duties of every day life. Equal to God (John 10:30) yet he gave up his divine glory and incarnated himself in the historical Jesus, was anointed of God, died on a Roman cross, buried in Joseph's tomb, yet rose again and is alive today as much as when he walked over Galilee's hills. The mind that was in Jesus was a purpose to choose the lowest depth of humiliation rather than a full equality with God, either choice of which he might have made; but he chose the former—creation's most sublime illustration of self-sacrifice—and this is the mind we should have. The word "robbery" implies a thing to be seized hold of. Instead of seizing hold of equality with God, Jesus let go and seized hold of the death on the cross, and thus made himself of no reputation, literally emptied himself. The context shows of what he emptied himself: (a) his divine form; (b) his divine glory. This latter is shown by his birth in a stable and his death upon a cross, thereby being under the curse of God (Gal. 3:13). But this was an act of obedience to God (v. 8). The father bade him to do it. The sacrifice of Christ had its original source in the will of God—his love towards us (John 3:16, Rom. 5:8). There are three thoughts in this passage: (a) the incarnation; (b) the passion; (c) the exaltation. Keep this in mind and remember Paul circumstances in prison when he wrote this letter. Remember also how this Philippian church was formed as a result of a prison experience (Acts 16).

III. God Also Hath Exalted Him, vv. 9-11. The result of this comfort of love, due to a state of mind on the part of the disciples and their having the mind of Christ, was first the exaltation of Christ (v. 9), and the giving unto him of "the name, not 'a' name, that is above all other names; and secondly, worship on the part of all of God's creation, every knee bowed in submission; and third, confession (v. 11). Jesus, who humbled himself to the lowest place, God has exalted to the highest place. Humiliation of self is the path to exaltation by God. The name "Jesus" is above every name, because Jesus has been exalted above every man.

The worship mentioned here is not merely that we worship through him, though that is true (John 14:6), but that worship shall be paid to Jesus himself (see Ps. 45:9, Heb. 1:6). The phrase "every knee shall bow" is a clear expression of the oneness of Jehovah and Jesus.

(b) Notice that those that bow are in heaven, in earth and in Hades (Rev. 5:13). Even lost men and angels who will not bow now will have to do so some day though it will then have no saving power in it for them.

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SOILS ADAPTED FOR GROWING ALFALFA



Strong, Healthy Young Alfalfa Plants—Seed Sowed August 23, Plants Photographed May 10—Note Nodules on Roots.

(By J. T. BARLOW, New Mexico College of Agriculture.)

Although it is true, as most farmers know, that alfalfa will grow and produce fairly profitable crops on almost any kind of soil, it is equally true that certain soils are much better adapted for growing alfalfa than others. Instead of trying to adapt our soils to a particular crop, we should more often, if possible, try to adapt our crops to the soils that we have.

In selecting a suitable soil for a proposed alfalfa field we should bear in mind that alfalfa is a very deep-rooted crop, it not being uncommon to find old alfalfa plants with roots 30 feet or more in length. The alfalfa plant is also a very voracious feeder and requires large amounts of plant food to produce maximum yields of crops. Obviously, then, from the above points the best soil for alfalfa is a very deep, uniform and fertile soil containing abundant plant-food material. These conditions would best be found then in our heavier sandy loams, silty loams, and very light clay lands.

A soil with too much sand, i. e., our almost pure sands and very light sandy loams, is not the best for alfalfa because (1) of the difficulty of getting a good stand of alfalfa due to the blowing of the sand particles and cutting off the young plants near the surface of the ground as well as the uprooting of the plants. (2) Sandy soils are very apt to be lacking in available plant-food material, particularly nitrogen, and especially after a few years' cropping. (3) Sandy soils do not hold water well, i. e., they have a low water-holding capacity, due to several factors, two of the most important of which are the ease with which the water percolates away, and secondly to the usually low content of humus and organic matter. Other things being equal, it takes more irrigation wa-

ter to produce a crop of alfalfa on a light sandy soil than on one of a heavier nature.

A very heavy clay soil is likewise not the most suitable for growing alfalfa, because (1) the roots have much difficulty in pushing down through the heavy soil and hence their feeding area is restricted; (2) drainage is poor in a heavy clay soil and the subsoil may contain too much water for optimum plant growth; (3) heavy clay soils are difficult to irrigate, and if the fields are not leveled properly, when the irrigation water is applied it will stand in the low places and in all probability kill the young alfalfa plants.

Another thing to be avoided in selecting an alfalfa soil is an impervious layer of "hardpan" a few feet below the surface. A layer of hardpan is liable to cause a waterlogged soil because it holds water very efficiently and does not allow downward percolation of the excess irrigation water. This impervious layer also hinders root penetration very materially.

Another factor of importance is the depth of the water table below the surface. Alfalfa roots cannot live for any length of time in free water. If the water table is within a few feet of the surface, as soon as the alfalfa roots reach this free water, the plants begin to lose their vigor and very soon die. This is due to the fact that the roots become diseased and decay in the free water and also because their feeding powers are restricted to such a degree that they cannot survive.

Since alfalfa is usually planted with the intention of growing the crop on the same field for a long period of years, the above factors should be taken into consideration as much as possible in selecting a suitable soil for our alfalfa field.

SECRET OF KEEPING HENS SUCCESSFULLY

Good Ventilation and Dryness Are Essential for Good Health of Poultry Flock.

Keeping hens in fresh, reasonably dry air is one of the secrets of keeping them successfully. In the henhouse good ventilation and dryness are so essential that the most skillful breeding, feeding and rearing cannot make up for their lack. Good husbandry wherever hens are kept, and are very likely to be found together. At least it is difficult to secure dryness without a generous amount of fresh air. It has been estimated by scientists that hens breathe more air per pound of live weight than any other class of farm animals.

Two hundred five-pound hens will breathe nearly three times as much air as a cow weighing a thousand pounds, yet they are kept in closely crowded sleeping quarters. Every hen in the flock breathes out impurities that are poisonous to the others, and she breathes in the impurities given out by them unless there is sufficient ventilation to carry away these impurities and furnish fresh air in their place.

Starting With Bees.
Plan to start in the bee business in early spring if you own the land you are working.

Lime is a Stimulant.
Lime is not a fertilizer but a stimulant or an amendment. It has a very beneficial effect upon soil, as it neutralizes acids, causes the soil to flocculate and pulverize and become "mellow." Clovers, alfalfa and other legumes require considerable lime for satisfactory growth.

Soil Needs Humus.
Early plowing under of the natural growth of weeds and grass which follow cultivated crops will add humus to your soil. Your soil needs humus.

USE OF LIMESWATER IN CLEANING CHURN

Essential in Butter Making to See That All the Apparatus Is Absolutely Clean.

(By E. S. ANTHONY, Pennsylvania State College.)

After the butter is taken from the churn the latter should be rinsed out with warm water, and the rinsing followed by a thorough washing with very hot water. The rinsing out with warm water will remove any butter-milk which may remain in the pores of the wood. The hot water will remove any fat which may be left in the churn.

It is never well to use soap powders on the interior of the churn, but the occasional use of a small amount of dairy washing powder or lime-water is beneficial. To keep the churn sweet and free from odors and taints a small handful of lime placed in some water in the churn or in the last rinsing of the churn is very effective. It is very essential in good butter making to see that all apparatus used is absolutely clean and free from undesirable odors and taints, as these are quickly absorbed by the butter.

Well-Equipped Shop.
A well-equipped farm shop is a mighty handy thing and a time and money saver. During the winter days much repairing and fitting can be done in a good shop that will save many a day's time in the rush of the springtime.

Lime Improves Many Crops.
Application of lime improves such crops as the clovers, wheat, barley, oats, timothy, most garden vegetables excepting potatoes and carrots, cherries, currants, red raspberries, gooseberries, squash, wax beans and common peas.

Vegetable Fertilizers.
The fertilizer requirement of vegetables is higher than that of any other farm crop. For intensive work it may pay to apply fertilizer to the value of \$75 to \$150 per acre.

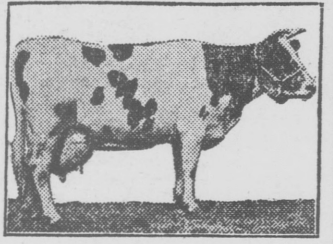
DAIRY FACTS

GUERNSEY GAINING IN FAVOR

Deep and Prolonged Milking Qualities Make This Type of Dairy Cow Valuable Acquisition.

The average Guernsey cow will weigh about 1,000 pounds, with the bulls weighing 200 to 300 pounds heavier, says the Agriculturist. The head of the Guernsey cow is long, with a slender neck. The body is large and deep, showing ample capacity for disposing of roughage. The flanks are thin. The muzzle of the Guernsey cow is usually small, curved and wavy and may show yellow at the base. One of the distinguishing characteristics of the Guernsey is the large secretion of yellow coloring matter in the skin, showing particularly where the hair is white, as around the ears and eyes and on the udder and flanks.

The Guernsey has no pronounced weak points. The addition of Guernsey blood in crossing with cows of mixed breeding will result in a higher milk flow and in a richer milk. The deep and prolonged milking qualities of the pure-bred Guernsey, together with the adaptability to the conditions of the average farm, make this type of dairy cow a formidable competitor to the breeds which have a wider and



Daisy Grace Del Kol.

greater distribution. The production of milk that tests 4 per cent., and even 5 per cent., and sometimes 6 per cent., means much when taken in connection with the fact that the Guernsey is an economical producer. High production, low cost, high test, adaptability to average farm conditions, together with no pronounced weak points—these are the factors which make the Guernsey increasingly popular.

BEST TIME FOR THE CALVES

Autumn Is Favored on Account of Black Work Around Farm—Danger of Scouring Is Less.

Calves may be reared better and more economically when they come in the autumn rather than in the spring and yet this style of breeding which had something of a vogue 20 years ago is still lagging. In the winter season the boys have ample time to attend to the calves and can give every attention to the amount of each kind of food required to keep them humming along.

When calves are raised essentially on skim milk and adjuncts, the chief danger is that they may be more or less affected with indigestion. Now when the calves are on dry food such as is given to them in the winter season this trouble is reduced to a minimum. If skim milk is fed in large quantities and some flaxseed meal is fed at the same time when the calves are on succulent pastures, it is almost impossible to prevent them from scouring.

In winter when on dry foods this danger is much less imminent. The calves may be carried through the winter in good form and they are vigorous animals, if properly fed, when the pastures are ready in the spring.

REMOVING ODORS FROM MILK

Federal Investigators Have Discovered Method to Remove Unpleasant Smells and Tastes.

A method has been discovered by the federal investigators for removing disagreeable odors and flavors from milk. The taste caused by cows eating wild onions or garlic can be removed by blowing filtered and washed air through the milk for thirty to sixty minutes, according to the strength of the flavor to be removed.

It is necessary to heat the milk to a temperature of 145 degrees, as air blown through cold milk in a similar manner does not remove the disagreeable flavor. It also has a tendency to turn the fat into butter. It was found that the onion flavor is removed more quickly when milk is heated to 160 degrees, but this tends to produce a cooked taste and also reduces the cream line. In the case of cream with flavors of this kind, the same method can be used, except that it requires a slightly longer treatment. The loss in evaporation by using this method amounts to two or three per cent.

Benefits of Silage.
The silo makes it possible to raise more feed and to keep more cows on the same acreage and substitutes certainty for uncertainty in the management of the herd to an extent impossible in any other way.

Maintain Summer Conditions.
The feeding of silage is very beneficial in feeding the dairy cow, because it tends to maintain summer conditions during the entire year.

Dairying Is Most Reliable.
Wheat may fail and flax may fail, but the farmer who is making dairying a feature of his work has something he can rely on.

Silage for the Cow.
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RECIPE FOR GRAY HAIR.

To half pint of water add 1 oz. Bay Rum, a small box of Barbo Compound, and 4 oz. of glycerine. Apply to the hair twice a week until it becomes the desired shade. Any druggist can put this up or you can mix it at home at very little cost. It will gradually darken streaked, faded gray hair, and removes dandruff. It is excellent for falling hair and will make hair soft and glossy. It will not color the scalp, is not sticky or greasy, and does not rub off.—Adv.

A girl may be able to pose as an angel during courtship, but after marriage she sheds her wings.

SUFFERERS FROM RHEUMATISM, or Lumbago should send a post card to the Bobbitt Chemical Co., Baltimore, Md., and ask them to send their free pamphlet on Rheumatism, showing its cause, correct method of treatment, and containing a list of foods that should be avoided.—Adv.

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THE CAUSE OF BACKACHE, RHEUMATISM, LUMBAGO

Ever since the discovery of uric acid in the blood by Scheele, in 1775, and the bad effect it had upon the body, scientists and physicians have striven to rid the tissues and the blood of this poison. Because of its overabundance in the system it causes backache, pains here and there, rheumatism, gout, gravel, neuralgia and sciatica. It was Dr. Pierce who discovered a new agent, called "Anuric," which will throw out and completely eradicate this uric acid from the system. "Anuric" is 37 times more potent than lithia, and consequently you need no longer fear muscular or articular rheumatism or gout, or many

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From Winter Colds with **Hale's Honey** Of Horehound and Tar
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If you want to surely and quickly stop that distressing cough and do away with sore throat, hoarseness and bronchitis, get a 25 cent bottle of

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Something everyone should know. Send a 25c money order for recipe for saive that breaks sores without leaving scar. Mrs. ELIZABETH HARMAN, COLORADO, MD.

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DELAWARE COLLEGE

The organization for carrying on the Y. M. C. A. work was launched at a meeting of the students in chapel Wednesday morning. A council, similar to the one which has charge of the Athletics of the College, was created. Prof. Short was chosen chairman; Dean Hayward and Dean Smith also represent the faculty on the committee. Mr. H. Rodney Sharp was elected to represent the alumni and Trustees. Officers of the association represent the student body.

Mr. Sharp is personally arranging for the furnishing of the new home of the Y. M. C. A. It is hoped that the formal opening will occur on March 7, when the Board of Trustees meet at the College.

It is proposed to observe Washington's Birthday at Delaware College. A tentative program has been arranged as follows: Addresses by C. D. Pepper, of the student body; C. W. Bush, Esq., first Rhodes Scholar from Delaware, representing the Alumni; Judge Henry C. Conrad, subject, Washington as a Statesman. A special feature of the exercises will be the presence of a chorus of children of the Newark Public School, consisting of 75 or 100 voices. The meeting will begin at 3 o'clock.

In the evening of Wednesday, Feb. 16, Mr. Trainer, of the Lehigh Portland Cement Co., will give an illustrated lecture on the Manufacture and Use of Cement. Open to the Public.

Superintendent E. L. Cross visited the college on Feb. 5, to make final arrangements for a course which he is to give in the Summer School. The course is entitled "Home-County Studies." This is work which has met with great favor in many states and will no doubt prove attractive to teachers. Superintendent Carroll and Hardesty will also be members of the Summer School Faculty.

The course on International Relations will be given again at the Summer School. It is expected that a lecturer can be secured for this course from Columbia University, where John Bassett Moore trains men especially in this field.

Mr. A. E. Rhodes of the Wilmington High School, will give the same course in Art and Industrial Work that he gave last summer.

Professor Ayres to lecture at Shakespearean festival in connection with the other exercises at the Shakespearean festival in April, Professor Harry Morgan Ayres of the Department of English and Comparative Literature of Columbia University will deliver a lecture on some phase of Shakespeare's dramatic art. This lecture will probably be given on Friday afternoon, April 28.

ODESSA

Miss Stoops spent Sunday at her home in New Castle.

Miss Minnie Armstrong, of Newark, spent Sunday with her parents.

Miss Gertrude Wallace, of Wilmington, spent Sunday with her parents.

Richard Lightcap, of Leipsic, has been visiting his father, Isaac Lightcap, Captain William C. Rhein has resumed his duties on the Steamer Artic, of Wilmington.

I. G. Webb, wife and daughter visited James Ginn and family, near St. Georges, on Sunday.

William Ginn and daughter, of near St. Georges, visited his sister, Mrs. I. G. Webb last week.

Harry Lightcap, wife and Miss Olive Reed spent last Sunday with James Lee and family, near town.

Epworth League Devotional service on Sunday evening at 6:45 o'clock. Topic, Mystery of a Wintry Night; Leader, Mrs. Howard Morris.

HONOR ROLL FOR JANUARY

10th grade—Oka Wallace, Mildred Phillips, Naomi Morgan, Helen Wallace. 9th grade—Anna Dulin, Elsie Shipley, Emily Webb, Hilda Craig, Dorothy Reynolds. 7th grade—Mary Craig, Glenn Long, Gladys Long, Harrison Davis. 6th grade—Sara Sacks. 5th grade—Clara Thornton, Anna Sacks. 4th grade—Carl Morris, Gladys Manlove, Helen Muehlberger. 3rd grade—Eva Shetzler, Gladys Muehlberger, Myrtle Morgan, William Morris, Itchel Thornton. 2nd grade—Alice Reynolds, Frank Ferguson, William Phillips, Donald Quigley. 1st grade—Helen Vinyard, Joseph Sacks, Robert Foraker, Agnes Ennis. Primary grade—Harry Morgan, Charles Wiest, Johnnie Wallace, Margaret McCoy.

CHESAPEAKE CITY

Mrs. King, of Philadelphia, Pa., is a guest of Mrs. John Brown.

Miss Beulah Jewel, of Middletown, is visiting relatives near town.

Howard Brown, of Philadelphia, is spending some time with his parents here.

Mrs. Emma Craig, of Baltimore, Md., is visiting her brother, A. J. Bouchelle, on the Manor.

Mrs. Ida Bouchelle visited her sister, Mrs. J. D. McCoy, of the Manor, several days recently.

Miss Frances McCoy, near Summit Bridge, spent Friday and Saturday with Miss Carolyn Briggs.

Miss Georgia Ellison, near town, visited Mrs. Wright S. Coppage, near Middletown, on Sunday last.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Spear spent Sunday last at the home of her father, Richard Gray, near Middletown.

A well-attended dance was given by Mrs. J. B. Briggs in the Masonic hall, last evening, (Friday), music by Jacob's orchestra.

After October first the hours for the Middletown Public Library will be: Tuesday, 3:30 to 5 P. M.; Friday, 7 to 8:30 P. M.; Saturday, 3 to 5 P. M. The Library will be open on Tuesday evenings for school children exclusively.

TOWNSEND

Mrs. William P. Reynolds is very ill with an attack of pneumonia.

Mrs. Richardson is spending a week with her brother, Mr. Collins, in Smyrna.

Miss Maud S. Castle, of Philadelphia, is spending a few days with Miss Ethel Maloney.

Mrs. Emma Wells is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. William Wahl, in Wilmington.

Mrs. M. B. Gibson, of Centerville, Md., is visiting her uncle, Daniel P. Hutchison.

Miss Virginia Jefferson, of Milton, visited James Webster and sister the past week.

Miss Garton, of Millington, Md., spent the week-end with her aunt, Miss Belle Garton.

Miss Maud Castle and Mrs. Mortimer Gibson, of Centerville, Md., are guests of D. P. Hutchison.

Mrs. W. A. Scott and Mrs. George W. VanDyke spent Tuesday at L. L. Maloney's, in Wilmington.

Walter S. Money, Jr., whose condition has been serious, caused by his operation a week ago, is improving.

William Wahl and family, of Wilmington, have returned home after spending several months with relatives in town.

Revival meetings are being held in the M. E. Church Sunday evening. Services began at 7 o'clock, week days at 7:30 p. m.

Mrs. Hannah Keyser and son, of Atlantic City, N. J., spent the past week at the home of her sister, Walter S. Money and family, near town.

Misses Marion Reynolds, Naomi Shockley, Arlee Lattomus, Mary Staats and Mrs. Bennett attended the Delaware College dance in Newark.

Mrs. George Watts and granddaughter, Francis Reed, are guests of the former's son, Raymond Watts and family, in Wilmington, for a week's visit.

Mrs. Jefferson, who has been visiting her son in Indiana, Pa., spent last week with her sister-in-law, Mrs. A. W. Webster, and has returned to her home in Milton.

Announcement has been made of the coming marriage of Woodall Cochran, of Middletown, to Miss Leah Ginn; daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Ginn, of the Levels. The marriage will take place Saturday afternoon, February 19th.

Golden Rule Council D. of A., held their meeting Monday evening, February 7. Miss Elizabeth Howe, from York New, entertained the Jr. Council of the D. of A. The new members added were: Mrs. Sherbourne Collins, Christine and Virgil Stant and Marion Daniels. Refreshments of ice cream, cake and coffee were served. Mrs. Howe was the guest of the Councilor Mrs. Daisy E. Johnson.

THE BEST VACUUM SWEEPER

The Livingston Mfg. Company, of Chicago, whose fine Vacuum Sweeper we warmly commended to our readers Christmas before last, is selling in Middletown and throughout the state, its very much improved "1916 model".

This Company is filled with a divine discontent of present performance, no matter how excellent, that ever urges it on to yet greater things. They rightly believed their 1914 Model was the foremost Vacuum Sweeper on the market. Their improved 1916 Model was a still finer machine. But not content with that achievement, they have in their 1916 Model brought their "Chain drive, ball-bearing Vacuum Sweeper" to such perfection that it may justly be styled the FINEST!

To introduce their superb machine, this live company has turned loose upon the state, no less than seven as capable and gentlemanly young salesmen, as it was ever the good fortune of the Scribe to meet. They will remain several weeks in our town.

The three bellows of the 1916 Model give a suction so strong it pulls the dust out of the heart of carpet or rug as no other machine can. Its chain drive with its cycle ball bearings and the small adjustable wheels under the nozzle make it much easier to run and it cleans anything from a 10 cent matting to a \$800 Persian rug.

A lady here who could not use either her vacuum or other sweeper on a costly rug, upon seeing this machine do so without in the least ruffling the high nap, bought one.

This new model is stronger, in every part, less liable to wear on any of its bearings, and though its suction is much stronger, runs easier than ever. It pulls lots of dirt out of a carpet just swept by other machines.

Knowing from tests its superior character in every way, we heartily recommend it to our readers. Read their illustrated ad. in this paper.

48th In Laundry Business

According to a recent report published by the census bureau of the United States, statistics concerning the steam laundry industry in Delaware are given. The population of this State in 1910 was 202,322. In 1914 it was 209,817, which makes this State rank forty-seventh in the population of the country. The number of steam laundry establishments here in 1909 was 15; in 1914 there were 12, making this State rank forty-eighth in this respect in the United States.

The number of persons engaged in this industry here in 1909 were 283, while in 1914, 369 persons were engaged in this work. This is an increase in labor of 30.4 per cent.

The amount of money received for work done in 1909 was \$187,038; in 1914, \$242,897, an increase of \$55,859.05 or 29.9 per cent.

Sales to Take Place

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14th, 1916.—Public sale of stock, farming implements, etc., by William H. Dickinson, on the Houston farm, 1 mile west of Mt. Pleasant. Eugene Racine, Auc.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15th, 1916.—Public sale of stock, farm implements, etc., by Benjamin Boyles on the "Harry Perkins" farm, on Mill Lane, between Shallowcross and Voshell mills, about three miles north of Middletown. D. P. Hutchison, auctioneer.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17th, 1916.—Public sale of stock, farm implements, etc., by W. T. Sartin, at Summit Bridge. Eugene Racine, auctioneer.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19th, 1916.—Public sale of stock, farming implements, etc., by Frank L. Tatman, on the old Tatman Homestead, on the "Levels".

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18th, 1916.—Public Sale of Stock, farming implements, by Walter H. Schriver, on the "Craven Farm", 2 miles north of McDonough. D. P. Hutchison, Auc.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26th, 1916.—Public Sale of stock and farming implements by Herman Watson, at the residence of Levi Watson, on the road from Odessa to Townsend. D. P. Hutchison, Auc.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22d, 1916.—Public sale of stock, farming implements, etc., by Wm. J. Crompton on the "R. T. Cann Home Farm", on the road from Summit Bridge to Kirkwood. D. P. Hutchison, auctioneer.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23d, 1916.—Public Sale of Stock, farming implements, etc., by Harvey K. Smith, on the "Parvis Farm", on the road leading from Jamison's Corner to St. Georges. D. P. Hutchison, Auctioneer.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25th, 1916.—Public sale of stock and farming implement by William Boyles, on the "George H. Wiggan" farm on the road from Pine Tree to Blackbird Landing. D. P. Hutchison, Auc.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28th, 1916.—Public sale of stock, farm implements, etc., by J. W. Parris, about three miles south of Chesapeake City, Md., and on road between Cayo's Corner and St. Augustine. Frank Blackburn, auc.

TUESDAY, MARCH 7th, 1916.—Public sale of horses, cows and mules, by George W. Hurd, on the Vance's Neck road, two miles east of McDonough.

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Wagons and Dearborns for sale. J. C. GREEN.

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J. H. Emerson agent for the Model T Evans Combination Vacuum Sweeper.

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WANTED.—Girl for housework. White or colored. MISS REBA FINGER, 905 Shipley St., Wilmington, Del.

Best wheat makes best flour; best flour makes best bread. Use "White Rose" flour and be convinced. Sold by all leading grocerymen and manufactured by SHALLOOCROSS & KLOTZBEECHER.

MECHANICS WANTED.—Machinists, Boilermakers, Machine hands and Handy men are needed in the Philadelphia, Baltimore & Washington Railroad Locomotive Repair Shop. Good pay and good working conditions. Apply to Master Mechanic's Office, Wilmington, Del.

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The Board of Directors have this day declared a semi-annual dividend of FOUR (4) PER CENT, clear to all the stockholders of record as of January 15, 1916.

JNO. S. CROUCH, Cashier.

DON'T MISS

our Clean-up Sale on Suits, Overcoats, heavy Trousers and Furnishings. They will all be much higher next year and you also get the advance of our Mid-winter 25 per cent., one-quarter off, Sale.

Special Offering

\$8.50 Business Suits
Blue Serges, Black Diagonals, Grey Cheviots, Mixed Worsteds and Neat Silk Mixtures. All full weight and sizes.

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Big lot of new Silk Mixtures and Silk lined Suits in our \$15 and \$20 Suits, now

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With Appliances used & approved by U. S. Government

W. B. Sealey, the noted Philadelphia rupture expert is coming to Wilmington and will be at the Hotel Dupont, Wednesday and Thursday, February 16 and 17. He has on previous visits treated many citizens with the greatest success. He can refer you to local cases so expertly fitted by him that their ruptures were perfectly and comfortably retained, with all pain and danger removed, although previous discouraging experiences with common trusses made them feel that relief could never be obtained.

Such results could never be secured without his improved truss and the personal skill in applying it which comes only from his long experience.

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No fee for consultation. Those treated on former visits are invited to call. Home Office, 1027 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa. Cut out and keep for reference.

NOTICE!
The Livingston Mfg. Co., announces to the people of Middletown and vicinity that its corps of 7 representatives will make their headquarters for several weeks here demonstrating its wonderful "New, Easy-Kunning, Ball-Bearing, Chain-Driven, Brush Vacuum Sweeper".

The New Livingston challenges any other machine—electricity included—to clean a carpet so well that it cannot afterwards get lots of dust out of it, and defies any other machine to get a spec of dust out of a carpet swept by it!

Demonstrations are especially solicited from those having old cleaners or sweepers. Free demonstrations given at any address. Phone 133-14 or write "general delivery."

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Dog Ordinance!

Section 1. All persons owning dogs within the said town of Middletown, Del., shall apply at the office of the Town Clerk for a tag to be duly numbered; and it shall be the duty of the owner of such dog or dogs, to place the same upon a collar to be worn by each dog.

Each applicant shall pay to the clerk the sum of One dollar for each tag. And it shall be the duty of said Clerk to enter in a Registry to be kept for that purpose, the name of each applicant and the number of the tag issued to him.

Section 2. On and after the first day of March A. D. 1916, all dogs found running at large in the streets or elsewhere, within the limits of said Town, without a collar and tag duly issued under the provisions of this Ordinance, will be impounded for a period of 24 hours, and if the owner does not call for his dog before the expiration of that time, and pay a fine of 50c, and the additional sum of One Dollar for a tag, the dog will be promptly killed.

Section 3. Any person or persons owning or harboring a dog or dogs and failing to comply with Sections 1 and 2 of this Act within five (5) days after the same goes into effect, or any person or persons who may hereafter become the owners of or harbor any dog or dogs, and shall not immediately comply with the said Section, shall be deemed guilty of maintaining a common nuisance and liable to a fine of One Dollar and Costs for each day the said nuisance is maintained, and in default of same to be committed to the Workhouse for a term not exceeding Sixty days, at the discretion of the Alderman.

By order of the
Town Commissioners.
Middletown, Del., Feb. 7th, 1916

FOR SHERIFF
OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY
—1916—

Joshua Z. Crossland
OF ST. GEORGES HUNDRED

Subject to the Decision of the Republican Voters.

NOTICE TO TAX-PAYERS

St. Georges Hundred

The taxable residents of St. Georges Hundred, and all persons liable to pay tax in said Hundred, are hereby notified that the Taxes for the year 1915 are now due, and the undersigned Tax Collector for said Hundred, will be at

AT R. R. CARPENTER'S STORE, IN PORT PENN. SATURDAY, FEB. 26th, 1916 From 9 to 11 A. M.

TOWN OFFICE, MIDDLETOWN SATURDAY, FEB. 26th, 1916 From 2 to 5 o'clock P. M.

AT ASPRI'S SHOPS IN ODESSA EVERY MONDAY AND WEDNESDAY During FEBRUARY, 1916 From 7 to 12 A. M.

EXTRACT FROM THE LAWS OF DELAWARE, GOVERNING THE COLLECTION OF TAXES OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY, SECTION 3, CHAPTER 30, VOLUME 21, LAWS OF DELAWARE, AS AMENDED:

Section 3.—That on all taxes paid before the first day of October there shall be an abatement of five per centum. On all taxes paid before the first day of December there shall be an abatement of three per centum. On all taxes paid during the month of December there shall be no abatement whatever. And on all taxes unpaid on the first day of January there shall be added one per centum per month until the same shall be paid.

GEORGE E. RHODES, Collector of Taxes for St. Georges Hundred

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

APPOQUINIMINK HUNDRED

The taxable residents of Appoquinimink Hundred, and all persons liable to pay tax in said Hundred, are hereby notified that the Taxes for the year 1915 are now due, and the undersigned Tax Collector for said Hundred, will be

AT THE OFFICE OF GEORGE M. D. HART, IN TOWNSHIP DEL. EVERY SATURDAY, During FEBRUARY 1916, From 2 to 5 o'clock P. M.

Tax bills can be obtained by making personal application to the Collector, or by sending written communication enclosing stamps.

EXTRACT FROM THE LAWS OF DELAWARE, GOVERNING THE COLLECTION OF TAXES OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY, SECTION 3, CHAPTER 30, VOLUME 21, LAWS OF DELAWARE, AS AMENDED:

Section 3.—That on all taxes paid before the first day of October there shall be an abatement of five per centum. On all taxes paid before the first day of December there shall be an abatement of three per centum. On all taxes paid during the month of December there shall be no abatement whatever. And on all taxes unpaid on the first day of January there shall be added one per centum per month until the same shall be paid.

W. S. MONEY, Collector of Taxes for Appoquinimink Hundred

NOTICE TO TAX-PAYERS

Blackbird Hundred!

The taxable residents of Blackbird Hundred, and all persons liable to pay tax in said Hundred, are hereby notified that the Taxes for the year 1915 are now due, and the undersigned Tax Collector for said Hundred, will be

S. A. DAVID'S RESIDENCE, FOREST, DEL. WEDNESDAY, FEB. 23d, 1916 From 1 to 3 P. M.

AT BLACKBIRD, SATURDAY, FEB. 26th, 1916 From 1 to 3 P. M.

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HARRY S. WOODKEEPER, Collector of Taxes for Blackbird Hundred

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WHEN YOU NEED ANYTHING COME TO US FOR IT. IN OUR STORE YOU WILL HEAR "THE TRUTH. THE WHOLE TRUTH AND NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH" ABOUT WHAT YOU BUY: AND WE BACK UP OUR STATEMENTS.

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WHENEVER our Mr. Fogel spends a whole week in New York City hunting Bargains for our Department Store, as he did a week ago, our patrons may always rest assured he has discovered something well worth while—things it will pay them to look into when we tell them about it all in our Transcript ads.

This last Bargain Hunt of his is certainly no exception to the rule, for he found a splendid lot of choice SAMPLE GOODS that were sold to him at a Big Reduction and which we accordingly to our custom, share with our patrons.

House Dresses

A fine lot of 175 House Dresses—handsome goods— attractively made up, for 98c, \$1.25 and \$1.50—all high grade materials and makes that originally sold for more money.

Shirt Waists

A big selection of Shirt Waists of the latest materials stylishly made—all good fabrics